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Dear "Returners" ☺

Please excuse the way this is written, not my usual style ☺ it's just easier for me to write, and hopefully easier for you to read! It's a little last minute.com because we've only just heard back from the bus company – apologies for this, but hopefully things won't be too different from the information sent out on Friday.

Things to know about coming back to school – please talk this through with your child so they know what to expect.

Children

- We are really excited about welcoming you back ☺
- EYFS and Y1 are in mixed bubbles, but I've tried to make sure you're with someone you know and play with, the work you'll be doing is the same.
- The school will look different from how you remember it - we've taken down displays to give everything a really good clean, and there'll be some areas you won't be allowed in at the moment.
- The field has been divided into 3 for break-times and lunchtimes, (1 bubble will be on the playground and 3 on the field, just in case you were thinking that I'd forgotten how to count☺) so it might look a little strange when you arrive. Don't worry, it's new for us all – we feel the same too!
- When you arrive at school, you'll wait with other people in your bubble in a queue just like waiting at the shops. You'll come to me so I can register you, then you'll need to say goodbye to your adult (if you're with one) and walk down the side path by yourself to the playground.
- Please wear whatever uniform you have that fits, but don't worry about buying new things to replace items you've lost or grown out of, it's not worth it. You won't be in trouble for this.
- If possible, do everything you can to keep your hair out of your eyes – the less temptation to fiddle with your face, the better!
- Mums and dads are not going to be allowed into school at all, so you have to take care of your things and remember to take water bottles etc home – we will not let parents in to have a look for things you forget, you'll just have to wait until the next day! We can't let you back in either, because there will be other people moving around.
- The only things you can bring with you are: a fruit snack, a packed lunch (if you're not eating a school lunch), hand gel (if you want to), sun cream (if you want to, named, and this mustn't be shared), a water bottle and a sun-hat/waterproof coat depending on the weather.
- No toys, accessories, book bags, books from home, large fluffy key-rings etc...
- If you want to ride your bike or scooter to school, that's fine, but your adult will have to take it home for you, we can't keep it in school.
- When you get to the playground, you'll wait with your bubble teacher until your bubble time slot has ended – then you'll go into school, wash your hands and your teacher will take you to your classroom and tell you where to put your things.
- Please be patient and give us a couple of days to get used to things, but if you have any questions, or good ideas, just let us know and we'll try our hardest to make things even better.

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Adults

We are equally excited about welcoming you back, but it probably won't look that way! Please remember that the measures we have put in place are to ensure that we are allowed to open – things will look different and we will have to interact with you in a different way, but this is to satisfy the terms of our risk assessment, not because we don't care. ☺

So...

Cleaning/Environment

- School has been completely deep-cleaned and the carpets, rugs and upholstery have all been cleaned too.
- All toys, resources etc have been disinfected, and anything that was beyond a good clean/repair has been thrown away
- All chairs and tables have been scrubbed and disinfected, as have the toilets ☺
- Each bubble will have its own supply of wipes, hand gel, soap and a bowl of disinfectant for any resources. We will be teaching children to manage risk themselves, then cleaning after them to ensure a “proper job” has been done☺
- Spot cleans will happen frequently on touch points.
- Doors and windows will be left open during the day to encourage ventilation, and the children and teachers will be looking to spend lots of time learning outside.
- Children will mix within their bubble, but socially distance between bubbles as per government guidelines

Arrival

- Arriving at school – please ensure you arrive at your designated time. If you are late, or there is a delay for whatever reason, you may need to wait at a distance until the other bubbles have arrived.
- I'll be outside and will welcome each child one at a time (and register them). Once this has been done, your child must be able to leave you and independently walk to the playground (or with a sibling/other child in their bubble) via the side path. I anticipate that this could be upsetting for a few children (and parents ☺) and although I will use my most persuasive powers to get them into school, I do not want it to cause unnecessary upset. Forcing them to do something they don't want to do, could cause more harm than good and undo all the good work we've done and positive relationships we've created with you. Please be prepared therefore, to take your child home if necessary to avoid things escalating. I can phone you later at home, and see if we can come up with a solution together.
- I reserve the right to refuse entry to any family I believe to have breached social distancing guidelines – this is to keep the staff and other children in the bubble safe.

Food

- The government have suspended their free fruit for EYFS/KS1 – please feel free to send a piece of fruit or veg into school for break time for all children.
- If providing a packed lunch, your child should be able to open all packaging independently.

Clothing

- Uniform where possible, but please see the comments in the children list...
- Please think about whether your child can put on/take off the clothing you have given them – particularly if they have grown out of their school shoes, and you are sending them in lace-ups.

Medical

- If your child has medication, please ensure it is in date and kept in school.
- If your child or any member of your family has symptoms of Covid-19, do not bring them into school
- Do not give your child any Calpol before sending them into school as this could mask potential symptoms
- If the NHS has contacted you via the NHS Test and Trace system, please keep your child at home and contact us.
- Please ensure all emergency contact details are up to date, and that the named contacts are able to collect your child if needed (ie they are not vulnerable)
- If your child begins to show symptoms of Covid -19 during the school day, we will ask you to come and collect them immediately from the School House.

- All members of the school community will be formed if someone is taken home with a suspected case. That particular bubble will need to close until the test results come back negative or after the required period of isolation if positive
- At the end of the day, please wait at a “post” outside school at the correct time for your child’s bubble to appear. As few family members as possible should make this journey.
- Please do not encourage your child to come to you unless they have been dismissed by their class teacher – this is to avoid adults crossing paths.
- Please do not enter school, or ask to, unless you have made a prior, confirmed appointment with a member of staff. They will come outside to collect you. The office will be closed and the main entrance will only be used for deliveries and staff.

BUS – things to know from their risk assessment

- Usual pick up times
- Driver and chaperone will be wearing PPE (please tell your child this)
- All children should wear a face **covering** (not necessarily a mask)
- The children (currently 8 max) will be in a 43 seater coach to enable 2m social distancing within the bus (children from mixed bubbles)
- Seats will be numbered – children sit in their allocated seat and do their seatbelt
- Seatbelts checked by chaperone
- Away they go!
- On the journey, there will be no air conditioning so if it’s a hot day please ensure they aren’t in too many layers!
- They will be met on Overend, by 2 members of staff and walked to school as usual.
- On the way home, the bus will leave at the earlier time of 3pm – this is so that leaving times can be staggered.

By sending your child to school having read the information above, I am taking it as confirmation that you understand how we need to work together over the next few weeks, and that you agree to follow the points above. I will try to be as flexible and supportive as I can possibly be, but must think of the safety and happiness of every child and adult in my care.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow/later this week (some key worker children) and working together to make this experience as positive and rewarding as we can.

Many thanks as always for your support, and please do contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher