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Dear Parents,

Opening in September:

We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back in September and having the school community together again.

Please read through this letter carefully as it contains information about what to expect in September and some of the systems and measures that we are taking to keep our school healthy. As always staff will be around and available to support but your help and patience in making this work will be greatly appreciated. I have organised this letter into sections to hopefully make reading it easier.

Systems of controls:

Public Health England and the Department for Education are insisting that the following controls are put in place to keep schools healthy.

Prevention:

- minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring those who have coronavirus (COVID19) symptoms, or have someone in their household who does – **do not attend school**.
- clean hands thoroughly, more often than usual.
- ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.
- increased cleaning through the school.

This is all in place across the school and in September, there will be a cleaner on site for the majority of the day to clean touch points and toilets regularly throughout the day.

Response to any infection:

- the school community must use the NHS Test and Trace process
- manage confirmed cases of coronavirus amongst the school community
- contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Alongside these, the school is balancing social distancing along with keeping groups separate where this is not possible keeping within the guidance. The full Risk Assessment and Operational Plan will be on the website, once it has been agreed by Trustees, if you would like more details.

Arrival and Departure from School

Staff will be outside in September to help with this but hopefully this section is as clear as possible. The guidance is clear that we have to do everything possible to enable social distancing and to avoid congestion around the school. I am afraid parents are not able to bring their children into school as we need to keep the number of people entering the school as low as possible.





The following is to avoid congestion around the school site:

- One way through the school site for drop off and pick up times. Please enter through the gate on School Road (the side entrance by Little Saints) and exit through the gates on Union Street.
- Arrive at school between 8:35am and 8:45am (No earlier please)
- School gates will be locked at 8:45am – there is now a doorbell on the main gate.
- Reception, Year 5 and 6 will finish school at 3pm – Years 5 and 6 will have a shorter lunchtime so their curriculum time remains the same.
- Years 1,2,3 and 4 will leave at 3:15pm.
- Wherever the drop off and pick up points are please ensure social distancing is observed. Years R, 1,3,4 and 5 will be brought to the large playground at the end of the day to avoid congestion at the main entrance.
- The playground can not be used for play before or after school.

Staff will meet and greet at the door the children will enter and exit the school. These are:

Class	Which Entrance door	Drop Off	Pick up time
Rec	Steps by Reception classroom	8:35am – 8:45pm	3pm
Year 1	Steps by Reception classroom	8:35am – 8:45pm	3:15pm
Year 2	Classroom door on School road (by the bike shelter)	8:35am – 8:45pm	3:15pm
Year 3	Main entrance	8:35am – 8:45pm	3:15pm
Year 4	Main entrance	8:35am – 8:45pm	3:15pm
Year 5	Year 5 classroom door	8:35am – 8:45pm	3pm
Year 6	Classroom door on School road (by the bike shelter)	8:35am – 8:45pm	3pm

What children need to bring:

We need to keep the items moving between school and home to a minimum. The children need to bring:

- A small book bag so their reading book can be kept safe.
- A lunchbox that is easy to wipe, if having a packed lunch.
- A see-through water bottle – sipper tops are best (water only please in these bottles)
- Children can bring in their own pencil case as they need to use their own stationary – it needs to be made of see through plastic and can contain – HB pencil, colour pencils, plain rubber, pencil sharpener, safety scissors, ruler and glue stick. Please avoid large expensive novelty pencil cases as these will not be allowed in school.
- A coat

School uniform:

Children will need to wear their school uniform as normal which should be washed regularly. Good ventilation is important so windows will be open meaning the school maybe slightly cooler than before.

Children do not need to bring a PE kit in September. At least through the Autumn Term the children will not be getting changed for PE. Please ensure that they do have **comfortable black shoes** to wear. We will accept plain back trainers but they must not have patterns or logos on.





Break and lunchtimes:

Breaks and lunchtimes will be staggered and each class will have a designated space to play with equipment that is just for their group. All equipment in school will be regularly cleaned and wiped down. Key information about break and lunchtime is:

- Children need to bring in their own snack of fruit or hard cheese.
- School dinners will be available again but initially it will be a reduced menu and meals will be suitable to be served in the classrooms. The menu will be available as before on School Comms.
- Packed lunch must be in an easy to wipe container.

Curriculum:

We have some great new resources for learning that are being introduced in September. The school was already planning these but with how they are designed they will support the children well. As we start to run these in September we will also ensure that parents are kept up to date. To look out for:

- Read, Write, Inc. – This is a very specific way of teaching phonics, reading and writing. Staff are currently receiving the training for this and we are very excited about how it will support the children with their learning.
- Accelerated reader – this is a programme for reading as children come off the book bands. It helps developing readers choose appropriate books and provides incentives to read.
- Power Maths – These are some new great resources to help the teachers deliver the maths curriculum. We have been using some of the resources through lock down and the children seem to really like it.

When the children return to school teachers will be carefully assessing the children and planning to work through any gaps the children may have throughout the year. As always this will be sensitively done as our priority is the child's wellbeing and happiness – it is important that the children want to come to school and learn.

I apologise for the length of this letter but hopefully I have covered enough here to answer people's questions about September. There may be some changes before September as the guidance is changing all the time – but we can gradually work through these together.

I would like to thank you all for your patience, understanding and support as we have worked our way through these unprecedented times. Have a fantastic summer and I look forward to welcoming the **whole** school community back in September.

Yours sincerely,

Justin Stone
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