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13<sup>TH</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Reopening plan for September.**

Thank you for your patience in waiting for information regarding the return to school in September. We have now been provided with the Department for Education guidance that enables us to plan how to open our school fully. This is Plan A. However, there is a caveat that if either local or national lockdowns occur (like the one in Leicester) or the infection rate increases, then we will not be able to re-open fully. Therefore, we have had to plan for different scenarios - Plans B and C. I apologise in advance for the length of this letter but there is a significant amount of information to provide you with. Here is the link to the DFE guidance if you wish to look through this yourself: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

### **PLAN A- this is the preferred option and will be implemented as long as all remains as it is now:**

The plan for full reopening in September will have some restrictions placed upon us in terms of continued staggered entry and exit for every class, as well as playtimes and lunchtimes. There will continue to be one-way systems for drop-off and pick up, restricted movement around the corridors and zones on the playgrounds/field to accommodate the children. Unfortunately, we are unable to move class entry times around to suit everyone. For those families with siblings across the school we have found that separate drop-offs for each child have to be made. We will need to continue this arrangement to keep everyone safe.

The government has decided that each class will be an individual bubble to allow for the full return of all children. The children will remain in their classroom bubbles for at least the first month and not combine with any other classes. They will stay with their class teacher. As we don't have enough teaching assistants for each class, we are allowed to share these vital members of staff across the classes but not mix the children from the bubbles. Similarly, our sports coach will be teaching across bubbles but maintaining 2m social distancing.

With regards to attendance, we expect that **all children restart school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** and continue to remain in school. The government announced that they expect children to be in school full time and fines will be issued if they are not. We will support those children who may become overwhelmed by restarting school and need more time to adjust. However, if the children are well and there are no health issues at home, then they must be in school.

We will expect the children to return to school in their **full uniforms** as normal. This provides the children with a huge sense of belonging, which again is crucial at this time.

There are some practical considerations in respect of the organisation of timetables and around the school. We will not be allowed to hold whole-school gatherings as yet. Therefore, assemblies for worship will be held in classrooms and be connected via an online platform. Children will eat their lunches in their classroom and those requiring a school meal will be offered sandwiches to minimise infection risks. It is not currently possible to provide cooked lunches as there will be many practical issues to overcome, however this will be reviewed in line with government guidance.

Each class will be allocated a set of toilets to be used. These will be made unisex, which is how they are operating in school at the current time. Each set of toilets will be used by up to three classes. There will be enhanced regular cleaning of the toilets as happens now. There will also be enhanced hand washing hygiene. Children will be expected to sanitise/wash their hands when they arrive at school and before and after breaks. The classrooms surfaces and door handles will be wiped after



use. This is all part of our detailed Health and Safety Risk Assessment.

In respect of illness, **we would ask that you inform the school immediately if your child or any member of your household becomes ill with symptoms of COVID-19.** We will have to inform PHE (Public Health England) and follow this up when you or the children have been tested. If any member of the class becomes ill and tests positive for COVID-19, then they will have to isolate themselves at home for up to 14 days. We will be in contact with PHE and will follow their guidance as to the next steps before we inform parents of any decisions taken regarding closure of the class bubble.

We would ask that you follow the normal procedures if your child becomes unwell with other illnesses or bugs such as vomiting, etc. This is extremely important for the safety of all members of our school community.

These are the times for each class for arrival and departure of school. All classes are timetabled to spend 6hrs 40mins in school, except Reception, who are in for 6hrs.

*\*Please note for our new Reception cohort 2020, this timetable comes into effect after our four week period of transition. We will run our full transition programme for our new reception intake from 1/9-25/9/2020.*

Parents are not permitted to come onto the playground except for those with new Reception starters.

Bubble/Class	Reception (*from 28/9/2020)	Year 1	Year 2/3	Year 3/4	Year 4/5	Year 5/6
Teacher	Mrs Allen/Ms Kirby	Mrs Bowen	Mr Isaacs	Mrs Grew/Mrs Swonnell	Mr Newman	Miss Triggs
Classroom	Own	Own	Own	Own	Own	Own
Time of entry	9:00am*	8.50am	8:30am	8:40am	8:50am	8:40am
Entry/exit	Side gate –parents walk up to reception gate and back along race-track	Side gate	Side gate, children walk around to rear door	Side gate, children walk round to HUB door	Main gate, along car park and into classroom door	Main gate, along car park and into classroom door
Times of break and play zones (same for lunch)	10:40am – 11am Infant playground	11-11:20am, Infant playground	10:40am-11am Left playground	10:40-11am Right playground	11am-11:20am Left playground	11am-11:20am Right playground
Time of lunch	12.00 –12:30 pm eating 12:30-1pm play	12.30-1pm eating 1-1:30pm play	12-12:30pm eating 12:30-1pm play	12-12:30pm eating 12:30-1pm play	12:30-1pm eating 1-1:30pm play	12:30-1pm eating 1-1:30pm play
Time of leaving	3.00pm*	3.30pm	3:10pm	3.20pm	3:30pm	3:20pm
Toilets to be used	Reception	Infants	Juniors by lobby (girls/boys)	Girls KS2	Boys KS2	Boys KS2



## **PLAN B**

The same expectations would apply as stated above regarding attendance, uniform, hygiene and general timetabling, etc.

However, Plan B will be enacted if there is a restricted start to school due to increased infection rates and the need for greater social distancing. The children's attendance at school would be on a rota basis. Group A would be in school on Monday and Tuesday only with Group B in school on Thursday and Friday. There would be a Group C which would consist of key worker children within their own bubble class again if parents required them to be in school full time. Children in groups A and B would be based on sibling groupings on the same day. There would be an expectation that the children then completed work set by their teachers on the days when they would not be in school. The school would be closed on a Wednesday for deep cleaning and time for teachers to prepare online and home learning when the children are not in school. If this plan is used it would be for a limited amount of time as we would hope to return to full school as soon as possible.

## **PLAN C**

This plan would be put into place if there is a full lockdown of the local area or nationally. This would mean a return to online home learning and only children whose parents are key workers would be able to attend school.

The whole situation remains fluid and subject to change with different plans being put in place as and when required. The most important thing is that the children and staff all remain safe, well and healthy.

## **Curriculum**

We have planned for a 'recovery curriculum', as recommended by South Gloucestershire local authority. The children will be covering the 'Jigsaw recovery curriculum' units to reconnect with their friends, teachers and learning in school. We will also be teaching children about how to better identify and regulate their feelings in a programme called 'zones of regulation'. This will be most important this year after the children have been away from school for such a long period of time.

We will gradually increase the time that children will engage in formalised learning, revisiting objectives and some activities covered during the past three months first before moving on. There will be a certain amount of 'catch up' for every child in the school. The government announced a huge summer of catch up which sadly hasn't materialised for the large number of children around the country. There are some authorities who have been given funds to put on some activities, but these are not being run by teachers and will mainly focus on social and physical development. Funds have been promised for all schools for the autumn term to enable children to 'catch up', however we are still awaiting the details of any plans for this sum of money. When we have these, we will be in a position to share them with you.

The addendum to our Behaviour Policy will still stand, as it has done since it was introduced in May. This addendum addresses issues that some children may have with the new systems in school. If the children consistently break the bubble regulations and rules, or become too distressed, then we may ask for a parent to collect them to allow them to regroup at home and have a restart when they feel ready to adhere to these rules. Of course, we expect that the children will be their usual well-behaved selves.

## **20<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Day**

I am very pleased to confirm that on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July we are able to welcome back all the children who have not yet been in school since lockdown and have requested a place. Children are not required to wear uniform for the day. We are also dependent on good weather to run these sessions, as they will be outside. Unfortunately if it rains, we will have to cancel.



<u>AM sessions:</u>	<u>Time start</u>	<u>Time finish</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Year 4/5 (15)	8.40-8:50am drop off	10:50am	Mr Newman	Junior playground	Car park gate – Miss Triggs to greet and send home
Year 3/4 (15)	8:50-9am drop off	11am	Mrs Scott	½ of field	
Year 2/3 (15)	9-9:10am drop off	11:10am	Mr Isaacs, Mrs Grew to meet	½ of field	Side gate, Mr Hilliam to greet and send home
Year 1/2 (15)	9:10-9:20am drop off	11:20am	Mrs Bowen	Infant playground & covered area	
Reception (15)	9:20-9:30am drop off	11:30am	Miss Kirby & Mrs Hodges	Classroom	Side gate, Miss Kirby to collect and send home

Year 6	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July  1pm drop off	3pm collect	Mr Newman/Miss Triggs  (6 children 'join' each bubble)	Junior playground and field	Side gate. Additional 12 join year 6 for pizza and watching plays on field.
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Thank you for all of the support you have given to the school, staff and your children over the past few months. I would echo your thanks to the staff who have worked hard and tirelessly over this time to ensure the safety of all those in school, have made home learning accessible and fun, as well as teaching children other than their own classes. The staff and children have been fantastic and deserve a well-earned summer break.

If anything changes, I will be in contact with you all via email during August and will confirm everything before the end of the holidays. However, please assume we will be going ahead with Plan A as from September.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer. I hope you all manage to enjoy the holidays having fun - without home learning. We all look forward to being back to school as normally as possible in September.

May God bless you all,

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