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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we will be fully re-opening the School & Nursery from Monday, 7th September. From this date attendance for children who are 5 and over, will once again be compulsory.

We will continue to operate strict prevention measures in line with Government guidance:

- Children will be in their classes but will not mix with children from other classes at any point in the day. We will have staggered start, finish, play and lunchtimes for each class. (please see below for your child's start and finish time in September.)
- Children will not be gathering on the carpet, or for assemblies but will be taught at desks, facing forwards wherever possible
- Children will be able to play together but resources will be washed and / or put away for 72 hours before being used again
- Children will have hand gel applied on entering school and will then be accompanied to the toilets throughout the day in order to ensure correct handwashing takes place.
- We will ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach for coughs and sneezes into tissues
- We will ensure the classrooms and school are well ventilated
- Tissues, soap, paper towels and hand sanitiser will be available at all times
- We will continue to carry out enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often such as table tops, backs of chairs, handles and taps.
- where necessary, staff will wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) ie for nappy changing, first aid and personal care. Staff may also wear face shields or masks for close work such as reading and 1:1 support

We do understand that many children have missed critical learning during the past 4 months. We will be working hard from day 1 to support every child to catch-up with that lost learning in phonics, reading, writing and maths. However, more importantly still is that every child is able to come back to school happily. We will be ensuring that children are supported to re-establish friendships and relationships and are able to play and communicate. We will be teaching a full and rich curriculum but the emphasis will be on English and Maths skills.

We will be seeing all parents at the start of term to explain our daily home catch-up activities which will be an essential part of your child's progress.



ESSENTIAL ACTIONS:

Staff, pupils and parents **must not come into the school** if they OR someone they live with OR someone they have had close contact with has symptoms of Coronavirus. (temperature or cough or loss of smell / taste)

It is **ESSENTIAL** that you must isolate at home and book a test through GOV.UK or by calling 111 for children under 5.

You must inform the School of the outcome of the test. The School will take advice from Public Health England if any member of the school community receives a positive test. The associated class will be advised to isolate for 14 days.

FURTHER LOCKDOWN:

Should any further lockdown be necessary within the school or the wider community we will ensure that your child is able to continue learning at home both on and off line.

EXTRA INFORMATION

UNIFORM: Uniform must be worn again. Children may wear trainers with their uniform as they will be suitable for PE.

PE: We will be having PE sessions but we will not be changing into PE kits. There will be no after school sports clubs for the first half-term.

LUNCH: We will be providing a free packed lunch from our usual lunch provider for all children. Food boxes and vouchers will not be provided from September. You may provide your child with a packed lunch each day. You **MUST** provide your child with a full, reusable drink bottle every day.

HOME TOYS: No toys or comforters may be brought in from home.

SEPTEMBER

Your child will be in **SQUIRRELS** Class with Mrs Culham & Mrs Batson

Your child will be starting school at 9.15

Your child will be finishing at 2.30 These times will change by the end of September

NO PARKING IN THE CAR PARK. When you arrive please stand on one of the 2m distanced markers in the playground and wait for your child to be called in. Please ensure your child stands with you and does not run around the playground. No parents are allowed in the building but if you do have a concern or question please wait on your marker after your child is in, and we will come to you.

We can't wait to see you all!! Take care and stay safe.

Vanessa May
Headteacher

