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Dear parent/carer,

It's September already! Where did that time go? I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for our return this week. I thought it would be pertinent to share with you a few reminders for the start of our school year.

Start and End times and procedures

We MUST stagger the times when children come into school and leave school. If you have two children who are in different classes, then you must bring your children in together at 08:30 and collect them at 15:15. If you only have one child in our school, please bring them in and collect them at the times noted.

	<i>Drop-off Time</i>	<i>Collection Time</i>
Siblings	08:30	15:15
Class One	08:50	14:55
Class Two	08:45	15:00
Class Three	08:40	15:05
Class Four	08:35	15:10

It is imperative that you are on time for this to work.

At the start of each day, we ask you to come into the school grounds keeping to the left as you approach the gate and enter the playground. Here you will head towards the bikeshed following the arrows and return back towards the school (all will be clearly marked out for you).. This will create a 'one-way' system and will avoid any contact with others. Along the wall, there will be markers 2 metres apart for you to stand and wait. A member of staff will then invite you to say goodbye to your child as they then enter the school building, wash their hands, and make their way up to their classroom. You will then leave out of the left-hand side of the gate as you exit (this would be the right-hand side as you entered the school grounds).

At the end of the school day, we ask for you to do the same as the morning. The class will be brought onto the playground and lined up 2 metres apart and the adult will send your child to you and you can leave together. ***Only one parent must attend the school site to drop-off and collect their child.*** We ask in advance that parents do not congregate for conversations.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast club will be open on Thursday 4th September at 07:30. I have shared with you that there will be costs for attending the Breakfast club. Whilst the children are in Breakfast Club, they will be socially distanced and will be placed in sections within the hall to ensure they do not mix with children from other classes.

Contacting the school/visitors

Parents will not be allowed to enter the school building. If you would like to speak with a member of staff, you may request to do so on the playground at the end of a school day from a safe distance but the best option would be through e-mail, dojo or phone conversation. There may be times where visitors will be on site. They will be given clear instructions about our protocols and policies and surfaces such as door handles etc. that they touch will be wiped down and cleaned.

Uniform and PE Kits

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We expect children to be in uniform. It is advisable that the uniform is washed regularly and that children change into clean clothes when they get home each day. On the days that children have PE, we ask that they come to school for the day in their PE kit. There will be no need for uniform. It is advisable to wear tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt, with a jumper or tracksuit top to keep them warm. You will be told the days for which your child has PE by your class teacher before the end of the week. There will be no PE on Thursday or Friday this week.

Symptoms

If your child shows symptoms they will be sent to 'The Zone' which is the small room situated next to the library. We will call you to come and collect your child. You should then make arrangements for your child to be tested and they should not return to school until a negative result has been obtained - flowchart. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

Should you need to inform the school and give permission for staff to administer medicine, please email the school as we will not be completing forms by hand. We will then send an electronic version of our consent form.

Keeping your child safe

We know some of you will be feeling worried about sending your child back to school. All of our staff are parents ourselves and have our own worries as parents. However, we know that every school has put every effort into making sure the school is safe. Each class will form a bubble which will not mix with other bubbles. Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered..

The children in KS1 and KS2 will sit at front-facing desks and will be reminded to maintain as much distance as possible. Staff will support children by standing behind or sideways on. Front-facing contact will be minimised. We will not have any whole school assemblies or gatherings until guidance from the government allows us to do this. Staff will continue with the enhanced cleaning schedule, regularly wiping touch points throughout the day.

Resources will be shared within each bubble. Please keep belongings brought to school to a minimum. Acceptable items include bookbags, lunchboxes, water bottles and reading books. Pencil cases should not be brought into school. Only those walking to and from school unaccompanied by an adult should bring a mobile phone. These will be handed to the office. Reading books will be quarantined for 72hrs when returned. No rucksacks/backpacks allowed.

Hand washing will be prioritised. Children will wash their hands when they come into school, before and after break times, before and after lunchtime and before they go home. Children will be taught about the importance of handwashing and respiratory hygiene ('Catch it, Bin it Kill it'). There is no need for children to bring their own hand sanitiser as this is provided to the specification recommended by Public Health England.

It is DFE and Public Health England's advice that children under 11 years of age do not need to wear face coverings or masks.

Please do get in touch if there are any questions you may have about the return to school. When this all started and schools closed, I wondered when the next time we would see all the school back together again. Despite the worries and anxieties, having a whole school full of children is something I, and the staff team, are really looking forward to again. Yes it will be different to how we know it, but at least we will be back together, something we have hoped and prayed for for a long time. Now we just need to be sensible and follow the routines and systems we have worked so hard to put in place. Please continue to support us,

Yours sincerely,

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