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Dear Parents

We are really looking forward to seeing the children back in school next week.

As before, it is our intention to try and return to normal school life as much as possible while doing our best to minimise the risks of spreading infection.

Our view is that we take a common-sense approach that balances the day-to-day needs of running a school, the children being able to learn successfully and play happily, teachers teaching effectively, and having a safe environment.

However, we all need to be prepared for the fact that a class may need to return to Home Learning if a pupil or member of staff in a class bubble catches COVID. At every stage we will follow the Public Health advice and guidance.

COVID Symptoms

So, if your child has any of the following symptoms, we will ask you to keep them off from school and take them for a test and contact the school office immediately:

- a high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has mild cold-like symptoms they should continue to come in to school. Sore throats and blocked or runny noses or feeling 'a little under-the-weather' are not main symptoms of coronavirus listed by the NHS so your child should be in school.

Pick Up and Drop Off Times and Places

- Gates and doors open at 8.40am for all children with lessons starting at 8.50am. Pick up is at 3.10pm. Nursery to Year 1, please arrive via the field gate.
- 'Drop Off' and 'Pick Up' points are as follows: Nursery, Reception and Year 1 outside The Barn, Year 2 outside the classroom, Year 3 on the far side of the field playground by Peace Garden Fish Year 4&5 outside the classroom (the cars won't be there), Year 6 outside the classroom.

Note: Only one adult to pick up/drop off their child

Adults on site

- Parents to wear face masks when entering the school grounds
- Parents are asked to leave the site as soon as they have dropped off or picked up
- Parents can only enter the school building by prior appointment

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Classroom Arrangements

- Where possible, all children and staff will stay in their class bubbles. *Exceptions to this may be last minute 'cover', dealing with pupil needs, safeguarding reasons*
- Whenever possible, windows will be left open to provide ventilation in the classroom, *unless the temperature of the classroom becomes too cold to work*
- During colder weather, classrooms will be ventilated before and after the children are in the classroom and after a period of time of the children being in the room. *Please consider your child having an extra 'base layer' on these days*
- Children to have their own equipment at their desks, wherever possible
- Staff to carefully manage children going to the toilet e.g., one at a time
- Children to wear their PE kit into school on the day they have PE. *The teachers will share their class timetable via Google Classroom and class page on the website so that you know when PE is.*
- Year 4 and 5 children will be taught separately in the morning and come together in the afternoon

Hands. Face. Space.

- All adults must wear masks in communal areas
- Children will not be required to wear face masks but can do so if they would like.
- Regular handwashing and sanitisation: arriving at school, before and after break, before and after lunch, before home time. Alcohol gel may be used instead of soap and water to try and minimise loss of too much learning time on some occasions (primarily before break and lunchtimes, unless they are about to eat food)
- We will be encouraging social distancing as much as is possible and is realistic

Risk Assessment

- An extensive Risk Assessment has been completed by the EPA and School. *This is available to read on the Parent Communication page of the website.*

Early Morning and After School Club

- John's Breakfast Club (07917 444498) 7.45-8.45am will be running as normal
- Vicky's After School Club (07887 711454) will not be running this term because there are not enough children to make it economically viable. If you are considering using Vicky's Club please contact her ASAP so that she can plan for after Easter.
- We will not be running any other after school activity clubs during this term

Medical Needs

- Children to wear their PE kit into school on the day they have PE. *The teachers will share their class timetable via Google Classroom and class page on the website so that you know when PE is.*

School Office & Communication

- We ask that parents contact the school office by phone or email rather than coming into the reception area
- We will be returning to our 'normal' forms of communication. Please use the school office as a way of communicating with the class teacher or to share information about your child. The class emails



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or Google Classroom will not be regularly checked by the teacher now that the children are back in school.

School Lunches

- Families can choose to have school dinners or packed lunches. The school dinner menus are now online. Where possible, please pre-order your child's lunches using the School Grid (Dolce) BEFORE the children return to school and ensure there is enough credit in your child's account.
- Please can we remind parents to log any allergies or dietary requirements on the School Grid System.

Year 4, 5 and 6

- Please provide your child with some old/outdoor shoes (that can be kept in school) so that they can go on the field at break and lunchtimes enable even better social distancing

Tuck Shop

- There won't be any Tuck Shop on a Friday in the first week back. *We will be starting this again the following week so if you have not already paid at the beginning of the year, please look out for the payment item on ParentMail.*

We will be reviewing these arrangements regularly. and keep you updated accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday the 8th March.

Kind regards,

Andrew Denham