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Dear parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be welcoming the children back to school tomorrow. I wanted to write and update you on the current situation regarding Covid-19 and remind you of the school arrangements for the coming year.

From Monday 16th August there will be no need to self-isolate as a close contact if you have been double vaccinated. Children also do not need to isolate due to contact at that point, this means that we should not have to close 'bubbles' if there is a positive case of Covid. People who are positive with Covid themselves will still need to isolate but this will not affect the rest of the pupils. This means we no longer need to keep the children in consistent groups, known as 'bubbles'.

I'm pleased to confirm the arrangements for school from tomorrow.

Start and finish times

We will continue to operate a 10-minute 'soft start' to each day which means the gates and classroom doors will open at 8.40am. Little Explorers (our provision for 2year olds) will open at 8:45am. All children can arrive anytime between 8.40am and 8.50am. All children must arrive and be in their classroom by 8.50am. The school day will finish at 3.00pm for all children and the gate will remain closed until 2:55pm, children will no longer be released early.

Lunchtimes

Lunch will be served, using three sittings:

- EYFS 11:30am
- Y1 & Y2 11:45am
- Y3, 4, 5 & 6 12:15pm

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will continue to be based in the dining hall.

Any parent needing a place in Breakfast Club must contact Mrs Greenwood or Mrs Grant in the school office and complete the Breakfast Club form. If your child already has a place in breakfast club there is no need to complete another form.

After School Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a range of After School Clubs next year - a letter outlining all the afterschool clubs that are available will be sent out in the new term.

Uniform including PE uniform

The school's uniform will remain the same and children will be expected to bring the correct P.E kit into school with them on their P.E day (children will now get changed for P.E using the changing rooms within school). This year we have had a number of children who have not been wearing the correct P.E kit on P.E days (your child's PE days will be confirmed in September). This is something we will be monitoring from September- if children do not have the correct P.E kit on they will be asked to

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borrow schools spare kit and a phone call home will be made. We have also had a number of occasions where children were not wearing the correct school uniform especially with regards black shoes. School will be purchasing 'spare' school uniform including black pumps and children who are not wearing the correct school uniform will be asked to borrow the correct items, which will be kept and washed by school staff.

Hand Hygiene

We will continue to ask children to wash their hands regularly and will continue to provide hand sanitiser; the children and staff have got into good habits with this so we want to continue this into the winter months to reduce the risk of more viruses spreading.

Face Coverings

Staff and adults, including family members, will no longer be required to wear a face covering on site although you may wish to do so.

Car park/barrier

Only parents with a blue disabled badge will be allowed into the school car park from September. This must be shown at the barrier. Please also do not tailgate cars that are coming in for the children's safety. If the registered driver is not collecting the children in person they need to park at the bottom and let the other person walk up for the children.

Also please do not park up the drive in front of the barrier as this is a risk to our children's safety as it blocks the zebra crossing.

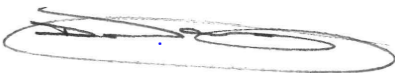
School Meals

School meals are increasing from September to £2.35 per day, £11.75 per week. Please can parents ensure that meals are paid for upfront as we have a new way of ordering the meals.

I hope that this information clarifies the arrangements for September. All the arrangements in this letter are potential subject to change should the local area see a rise in cases; we might be asked to go back to the current bubble arrangements and timings for school for a short period of time. We really hope this isn't the case but we would be able to respond quickly to that situation if it arises.

We are very excited at the prospect of some normality in the coming year and hope that with a safe start to the year we will soon be welcoming parents back into school for coffee mornings, assemblies, events and workshops.

Yours sincerely



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