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Arrangements for September – including class teachers

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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you are all well. Thank you for all your support this term as we have attempted to get back to some kind of normality for the children. At the moment we have over 60% of those who could come back coming into school, and it increases each day we're open.

I wanted to let you know about the preparations underway for September. You will have most likely have heard that the government has announced that it is safe for schools to allow **ALL** children to return **FULL TIME** in September.

In line with the government guidance and to reduce any risks that remain, we will be continuing to treat each class as a 'bubble' and they will be kept separate from other classes. The main difference is that the size of the bubble is allowed to increase to include the **WHOLE** class. This means we do not need to run a rota and all children can be in for the full week as usual.

As instructed in the guidance we will continue to run different drop off and pick up times and use both the front and back of the school as an entrance, as we have this term, to minimise cross-over of the different year groups.

In terms of reopening to **ALL** children in September, we are in the fortunate position that we know the measures we have taken up to now to maintain distancing between the different bubbles has been effective and the systems we have work well. For this reason we are confident that in September, when all the children return, we will be able to continue this model for as long as is deemed necessary by the government based on their public health advice and guidance from the Department for Education.

I know many of you are curious as to who the class teacher will be for your child next year. The table below, as well as showing the drop off and pick up information for each class from September also shows the teachers. I am delighted that all of our fantastic teachers have chosen to stay on next year. After consideration we decided to keep them in the year groups they were in this year so that they know the curriculum inside out and are able to hit the ground running with their new class and really know where the children need to get to and can start filling any gaps as soon as we return in September.

Class	Teacher	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance to use
Year 6	Oona Matheson	8.45am	3.15pm	Car Park – Junior Playground
Year 5	Holly Kingham	9.15am	3.45pm	Car Park – Junior Playground
Year 4	Ruth Hanfling & Lynley Benbetka	9am	3.30pm	Car Park – Junior Playground
Year 3	Sinead Costelloe	9.15am	3.45pm	Main Gate
Year 2	Rachel Webb	9am	3.30pm	Car Park - Nursery Gate
Year 1	Karen Coulter	8.45am	3.15pm	Main Gate
Reception*	Elizabeth Cleine	9am	3.30pm	Main Gate
Nursery*	Rebecca Combes & Nicola Budd	9.15am	3.30pm	Car Park - Nursery Gate

*start dates and finish times will be built up to as part of the transition – you will be contacted separately with your own individual details for this

Next week the children who are in school will be played a video from their new teacher with a message and a story – Bubble A will do this on Monday and Bubble B on Thursday. The children will then complete a task set for them by their new teacher. For children not in school we will be posting the video and task up on the home learning page for their class from Monday for them to watch and complete at home – please send the completed task in via email as usual.

We'd like to thank you for your understanding and patience in helping us to follow the guidelines, especially when it can be frustrating for you. We know it's not ideal, especially if you have siblings in the school, having to go to different areas at different times. In an attempt to make this slightly easier we will be opening the hall after school for siblings to wait. The children will be organised and sat to ensure that children in different year groups sit at different tables in different parts of the hall to maintain distance between groups. They can wait there, reading a book, until their sibling's class comes out and then you can collect together. Hopefully this will make it slightly easier for those of you with multiple pickups. You will be able to do the same with drop offs.

We are still looking at if it will be possible to offer any clubs in the autumn term. We cannot have children from different classes in a club together which may mean no clubs for the time being, or at least a vastly reduced offering. We will do our very best to make something work within the guidance and what our risk assessment allows. Breakfast club will run and will operate as the sibling drop and pick up does with children from different year groups being kept separate in different areas of the hall – not the Qube as was the usual breakfast club location before lockdown.

Lunches will operate as they have been this term. We will not be using the lunch hall. Children will eat lunches in their classrooms or in the playground. Those being provided with school dinners will receive a hot packed lunch. This has proved very popular this term and the catering staff have come up with a varied and tasty three week menu that allows the children to eat a hot meal without the need for cutlery and plates to be shared. The menu will be sent out at the start of the term. If your child will be bringing their own packed lunch please remember to let the office know on the first day of term so that you are not charged for a school dinner. If they were usually school dinners and you do not tell us you wish to change to providing your own packed lunch then a lunch will be ordered for them which you will need to pay for.

We will also not be undertaking any school trips in the autumn term that require the use of public transport. We will still go on trips that are able to be walked to, for example Hampstead Heath. Were we would previously have gone on a trip related to the topic we will try to get a visitor to come in instead.

At present, due to restrictions on the number of adults coming on site at any one time, and the need to keep groups separate we will not be having any whole school events and we are looking at how we can do our usual start of year things like open mornings and curriculum meetings. As soon as we have a workable alternative we will of course communicate this to you.

These arrangements will be kept under constant review in light of information and guidance from the local authority, department for education, and government.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing all the children back on September 3rd 2020.

Yours Sincerely,



Don McGibbon
Head Teacher