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Dear Parents,

Find a comfy seat and get settled ~ here's another long letter!

Thank you so much to everyone for doing such a brilliant job of the start and end of the day.....and everything else of course! No wonder all our children are so amazing with such brilliant parent\amilies! Now we are all settled in we need to make a few changes.

Drop off and pick up changes

As we received the keys to the nursery building at the very end of August, we didn't have time to move in, but we have been working really hard over the last two weekends and are now ready to use this space as part of school. It will make a really positive difference for us and we are excited to have the opportunity to use the space. We've got lots of ideas! Children in Reception and Year 1 have moved in and our new nursery children will join them later this week. We are all thinking of ideas for a name. So far we havethe East Wing, the Field Room and the Room with a View! If you have any ideas let us know and we will all discuss it further through student voice and decide in a democratic way!

This development means we can move around and spread out a little in the rest of the building. During this week bubble 2 (Year 4, 5 and 6) will move into the Big Classroom. They will then use the Big Classroom and the Maths Zone for their learning. They will have lunch in the school hall. Deep cleaning is taking place in preparation for these moves. Bubble 2 will now enter and leave school through the hall door. They can be dropped at the gate to outdoor play and walk across the playground to the door. They will be able to make use of the outdoor sink and will use this door to go out to and return from playtimes on the field.

At the end of the day Mrs Gill and Miss Price will bring children up to the gate where they can leave by the pedestrian walkway. Please wait to collect your child where bubble 1 parents have been doing. Look out for the bubble 2 sign in the morning. The process is the same ~ in the morning enter with your child through the pedestrian walkway and leave across the car park ~ in the afternoon walk across the car park and leave using the pedestrian walkway. Simple!

Bubble 1

We will now drop off at the field door, so walk all the way around the pedestrian walkway and you will see the bubble 1 drop off sign. Then leave through the big wooden gate and walk across the car park. At pick up time, walk across the car park to the field door and then leave with your child using the pedestrian walkway. We will be around to help, so if unsure just ask!

Children in Year 2 and 3 will now use the Top Room and the New Room. They have snack and lunch with the rest of the bubble in the soon to be named new part of school!

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Handy Hint ~ If you have children in both bubbles maybe go round and collect from bubble 1 first and then pick your bubble 2 child up on the way out!

Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast club is running from 8am each morning. No need to book ahead. Please bring your child to the front porch door and ring the bell. Miss Holmes runs breakfast club and she will let your child in. Children will have breakfast in their bubble. The cost of breakfast club is £2. There is no need to book ahead.

After school club runs from 3.30 to 4.30pm at a cost of £2, with the option of extending this to 5pm for an additional £2. Due to social distancing and the two bubbles we are operating in school at the moment, it is challenging for us to offer the usual range of enrichment activities and you may consider only using it if you need child care. We do hope to be able to run all our lovely clubs soon, but for now we think we can keep everyone safer if we just offer child care.

There are two exceptions to this.

- 1) Transition club will continue to run ~ Year 6 only ~ FREE (this will be bubble safe and run by Mrs Gill)
- 2) We are hoping to have violin lessons one day after school. I have been in contact with Dawn Smart, who would come to school to teach these lessons. Please let us know if your child would be interested in this.

Please let Mrs Dowes know if you need to use after school club.

Home Learning

We are now sending out codes for Seesaw, so you can log in. We plan to use Seesaw as our new home-school learning log. Each week we will record what reading we are doing with your child in school and let you know what we would like you to do at home. We will also outline any home learning maths, spelling, phonics, science, DT we would like them to complete at home and when we need it to be submitted. The partnership between home and school is so important and valuable. It has a huge impact on progress in learning. We do expect it to be completed. If you have any questions or need help with any of this please contact your child's class teacher by message on Seesaw, by email or call school. We will give you a call if children are not completing set activities to see if we can help you to achieve this. Reception parents will receive full information about Seesaw at our meeting next week and we will ask for some permissions from you before we ask you to join.

Lacrosse

I am in the process of organising Coronavirus friendly lacrosse sessions with a coach. Initially this will be for children in Year 4, 5 and 6. All sessions will take place outside. More information to follow.

Track and Trace

Cumbria County Council are asking schools to seek consent to provide the following information:

- your child's name,
- date of birth,
- address
- and your name and telephone number

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This is so that these personal details can, if needed, be shared between Cumbria County Council, the NHS, District Councils (Environmental Health) and Public Health England (PHE) in order to support testing, contact tracing and outbreak management.

For your information we have attached the government return to school leaflet. This gives details of what to do if someone in your household has symptoms.

Of course, all of the normal childhood illnesses are still there, so it is important to refer to the symptoms checker if they become ill.

Head lice

We have had a report of head lice so please keep a close eye on your child's hair. If they seem to be itching their head you may need to take action. Here is a NHS link with advice

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/#:~:text=Medicated%20lotions%20and%20sprays,from%20pharmacies%2C%20supermarkets%20or%20online.>

All the work we are doing to promote social distancing means that head to head contact is less likely. Please let us know if your child does have head lice and treat it straight away.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Hepworth

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