

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for everyone coming back to school on Monday, I am writing to thank you for the brilliant job you have done and support you have shown during this latest lockdown. It is also important to share information with you so we can make everything as smooth as possible. We are so looking forward to having all our children back. It will be great! It will be even better when we can remove bubbles, all be back together and welcome our parents and carers back into school. Hopefully this will be in the near future.

We have updated our Risk Assessments and planned for a return to school. This will see us operating in a very similar way to the autumn term.

### **START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

Doors open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am

The school day ends at 3.30pm.

Please use the same one way entrance and exit procedures as we had in the autumn term :~

### **START OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

Sanitise hands at the gate

Enter with children along the pedestrian walkway

Bubble 1 to enter through the Garden Room and Field Door

Bubble 2 to enter through the door by the school hall

All parents to leave across the car park.

Please make sure you maintain social distancing at all times

### **END OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

Parents please enter across the school car park and make sure you use the circle spots to maintain social distancing while waiting to collect your child

Bubble 1 to collect from the tarmac area near the Garden Room and school field

Bubble 2 to collect from the gates through to the school hall

All children and parents to leave using the pedestrian walkway

Hand sanitise as you leave

Unless exclusions apply, adults should wear face coverings at all times when on the school grounds.

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

School dinners should be ordered from school lunchshop. The new menu will run. This is on the website and we are beginning next week with Week 3 of the menus.

It is very important that you order meals in advance for your child. Anne and Mrs Dowes spend a lot of time chasing around ordering meals for people who have forgotten. They can't go into different bubble rooms and don't have time to even if this was possible. Anne has asked that everyone gets orders in for next week so she can order the quantities of ingredients she needs.

### **WHAT YOUR CHILD CAN BRING INTO SCHOOL**

Book bag ~ preferably the blue school one ~ we can supply new school book bags for anyone who needs a new one. School books and other items are kept safest and easiest to access in school book bags.

Lunch bag if having packed lunch

Hat, gloves etc if needed

PE kit (for outdoor PE as well as shorts and T-shirt) All children need trainers in school for PE lessons.  
This is a safety requirement for outdoor PE.  
Indoor shoes

#### **HOW WE WILL KEEP EVERYONE SAFE**

Our bubbles will continue to remain completely separate with the same staff as in the autumn term  
We have regular thorough cleaning procedures in place  
We will remind children about washing hands and about the catch it, bin it, kill it message  
Lunch will be served in the Garden Room foyer for bubble 1 and in the school hall for bubble 2.  
Water bottles will be sterilised at the end of each day.

#### **SETTLING IN**

We have made plans that allow time for our children to settle back into the routines of school. We know everyone will need time to chat and have lots of opportunities to play together.  
Mental health and well-being are a priority for us. Please let us know if you think your child needs any specific support with this.  
We will respond to questions and provide opportunities for discussion as needed\requested.  
We will establish our usual routines from the autumn term and make plans for when we can reunite our bubbles and all work together again. We are really looking forward to this!  
School will be the same safe, fun, exciting and happy place to be.

We have all worked so hard to keep our children and families safe. It's so good to see how responsible people are being and how well we can support each other and show kindness, care and respect for one another. I would like to let you know how much the staff, governors and I appreciate this. We would like to thank you in advance for continuing to follow government guidelines. By working together and thinking about each other we will be helping to move towards the time when we can see restrictions lifted and all get back together again.

Take care, stay safe and see you on Monday!

Best wishes,  
Helen