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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer and as we prepare to welcome the children back into school tomorrow we are asking that parents continue to direct messages and enquiries via email or telephone call to the office rather than calling into school. This also applies to any discussions with class teachers as we will still need to keep face to face interactions to an absolute minimum. Instead again please make use of telephone and email to contact your child's class teacher if you need to speak to them. Office staff and teachers will be only too happy to help and deal with any issues in this manner.

The Governors and staff would like parents to continue to use the one-way system that we have had in place for over a year now. Parents are asked to continue to bring their children to the main entrance where you will leave them with a member of staff at their classroom door and continue to follow the system to the exit gate at the rear of school. This has been added to our updated risk assessment so we would be grateful if parents continued to do this to ensure we have a smooth flow around school rather than any congestion.

The school day will return to normal with no staggered times. The gates will open at 8:40am and classroom doors will be open for our 8.50am start to the school day. Gates will open at 3:10pm for our 3.15pm finish.

Attendance continues to be mandatory and we will resume our usual systems of promoting and encouraging good attendance. The children will no longer be required to stay in bubbles therefore school hopes that the children will settle back into school life as quickly and smoothly as possible. The classes will operate normally and our school assemblies can resume. We will no longer need alternative arrangements at lunch so we will be moving back to two sittings at lunchtime.

We will continue to promote and ensure good respiratory hygiene - the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. All staff and pupils will continue to frequently clean their hands. Our cleaning will continue to be rigorous and we will ensure that areas such as push and pull doors are cleaned using standard detergents products/sanitiser bacterial wipes or spray on a regular basis throughout the day.

We do understand that you may still feel some anxiety about all children returning in September. If you would like to discuss any safety aspect of your child returning, please either ring or email the school office to make a telephone appointment to speak to either myself, Mrs Melling Deputy Headteacher or Mr Hassan Assistant Headteacher.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support. The entire staff and I are really looking forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Yours sincerely

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