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Our plans for September

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of the school year, I'm sure many of us are reflecting on how surreal the past two terms have been. The challenges we have faced as a community and in society more widely have been unprecedented, but I have been so proud of the way our community has responded to the pandemic.

Our children, both those working at home and those attending school, have quickly adapted to new ways of learning and have shown both resilience and enthusiasm. It has been a difficult time for our staff, all of whom want nothing more than to see and teach their whole class but who have made every effort to ensure that communication continues, that the online learning provision is of the high quality expected for a Jubilee pupil, and that face-to-face teaching continued throughout for many of those pupils who needed it most. I am particularly grateful for the support of our parents and carers, who have adapted to teaching their children at home using new technology, while dealing with work pressures and anxiety caused by this terrible disease.

As many of you will be aware, the government has recently asked schools to prepare to welcome all pupils back in September 2020.

The Department for Education has specified a set of actions schools must take to ensure prevention of the spread of the virus, and response to any infection. These will be in place when the children return in September. Below are some details about how this will look for us at Jubilee. More specific details for each year group will follow before the end of the summer term.

- Classes will work as "bubbles". Children and staff will remain within their class bubbles and there will be no unnecessary contact between the bubbles.
- There will be staggered start and end times to the school day, and also staggered break and lunch times to avoid contact between bubbles.
- There will be high emphasis on hygiene and handwashing for all those attending school.
- There will be regular additional cleaning of rooms and resources.
- Bubbles will avoid sharing indoor spaces wherever possible. Where this is not possible, spaces will be cleaned between use.
- No child who shows symptoms of the virus should be brought to school. The school office should be informed of their reason for absence as soon as possible.

- If a child develops symptoms of the virus whilst in school, we will inform the parents immediately. They will be removed from their bubble and isolated as they await collection.
- We ask that any child that has attended school and developed symptoms should be tested. The school should then be informed of the test results. If a child tests positive, then parents of children in the same bubble will be informed.
- Since lockdown started, we have relaxed our uniform policy. As we see all of our children return in September we ask that children once again attend wearing full school uniform. This should be clean, but it has been specified that uniforms do not need to be cleaned more than normal, or with methods that are different to normal.

When lockdown began in March, the government made it clear that no parent or carer would be penalised or sanctioned for their child's non-attendance at school. From September however, **it will be mandatory for all children to return to school**. This is to minimise the risk of any longer term impact from the pandemic on the children's education, wellbeing and wider development. This means that the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- Parents' duty to secure that their child attend school regularly
- School's responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence.

While the aim is clearly to have all pupils back in school in the autumn, schools have been warned to plan for the possibility of a local lockdown. In this event, we will continue to develop our use of the Google Classroom. Children who return in September will also be supported by staff to ensure they understand how to access their classroom and submit work. We want to ensure all our children continue learning if we are forced to close again.

We know that for a lot of families there will be anxiety surrounding this return, but we are doing everything we can to keep our community safe and will share further details in due course. I would like to reiterate that there are staff in school whom you can talk to up until school closes for the summer holiday on Tuesday 21st July. This will also be when online learning will stop. The children have worked so hard that we would encourage them to rest and have fun over the summer, so that they are as ready as possible to return in September.

We cannot wait to welcome you all back.

Yours faithfully

Tom Prestwich