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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you are all well and are looking forward to the new term starting as much as we are! It has been such an unusual and challenging few months, but we are now ready to get the new term started with excitement 😊.

I just wanted to point everyone to the two documents below which were sent out when the school broke up for summer.

They contain details of how school plans to re - open and what measures have been put in place to mitigate the potential spread of infection.

Many of the changes involve the adults in school, visitors and parents/ carers when the children arrive and are picked up from school.

I cannot emphasise enough how much planning and thought has gone into ensuring a safe environment for the children when they return to school - but we are depending on the adults to follow guidance and to show understanding and respect for the staff who will be directing and instructing, particularly at the end of the school day. We have 380 children who need to get home safely, and so queuing at the school gates will become a norm for now. We will only be letting a limited amount of parents onto the playground at any one time, and priority will be given in time slot order (see documents below). There are one - way systems in place, and we are asking that adults collect children and leave the playground as quickly as possible. If any parents need to speak to teachers or staff, this can be done via Teams, or by contacting the office by phone 0161 370 3079 or e mail office@mrpa.org.uk.

<https://www.mrpablogs.net/news/2020-07-22-school-full-re-opening-updates>

<https://www.mrpablogs.net/news/2020-07-22-brief-details-of-re-opening-september-2020>

Children should come to school in uniform, and ideally this will be changed daily. Children on packed lunches can bring in their normal lunch bag. PE kits should be in a PE bag or a very small bag. Large school bags and rucksacks are not appropriate, as the children have lockers that are very small. Children do not need to bring any other equipment to school with them. Book bags should not be needed at the moment as the children will not be taking a book home. All reading at home will be through active learn.

We have not yet been informed as to the date the 'Fruit for school' scheme will start, so all children should bring a piece of fruit to school to eat during morning playtime. We are a healthy eating school - so no other snacks please.

If you have any questions regarding the re - opening, please don't hesitate to contact school via e mail or telephone.

Have a great bank holiday weekend, and we look forward to seeing you and your children on Thursday 3rd September. Remember school will open it's doors at 8.40am and will close at 8.55am, and attendance at school is once again compulsory.

Keep Safe 😊

Joanne Taylor