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Dear Parents

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Welcome back to school after what has been a very long time. I cannot thank you enough for your excellent support throughout the lockdown period, we are all extremely grateful for the positivity you have shown.

I am writing to inform you, as best I can, of the arrangements and routines which have been put in place moving forwards. Many of these decisions have been made to allow us to keep your children as safe as possible in the coming weeks and months but also to ensure the safety of the school staff who need to remain healthy if we are to keep school open. As a school we are currently receiving daily updates from the DFE which may mean that we have to amend our arrangements at some point.

The arrangements put in place this week for the children coming to and from school have worked extremely well, thank you for your co-operation with this. From Monday of next week, the 14th September, we would like all children to come to school at 9.00am, with no staggered start time for the younger children. The current arrangements for the end of the day will remain the same as this week, Infants will leave at 3.00pm and Juniors at 3.15pm. Because the children have settled back into school so quickly, from next week, they will start full time in their new year group with their new class teacher. (Year 6 will remain with Mr Blackburn as planned)

PE kits can now be brought into school but must remain in school until the end of the half term.

Also from Monday of next week we will re-open our Breakfast Club from 8.00am. Please do not arrive before this time as we will not admit children before 8.00am. Children attending Breakfast Club will be in 'bubbles' and will have to sit in designated places at tables until 9.00am when they will go to class. Breakfast club places MUST be booked in advance, children cannot just turn up on the day. If you wish to book a place for next week please ring the school office. Morning tuck is now being served at 10.45am every morning for those children who want it, prices remain the same, 20p per day is sufficient.

School lunches have not gone as planned this week as unfortunately the oven in the school kitchen is in need of repair. Hopefully this will be sooner rather than later. Thank you for your patience with this, I will ensure the school kitchen does their best in the meantime. Just a reminder that if your child brings a packed lunch into school this cannot be in a lunch box or bag. It must be in disposable wrapping, preferably paper bags not plastic.

It is absolutely vital that we have up to date contact details for parents in the event that a child is unwell or displaying any COVID-19 symptoms. Please could you ensure school has at least 3 contact numbers for your child/children and that at least one of these is available at all times.

Finally, and unfortunately, we have been directed by the DFE and the Local Authority to be prepared for another lockdown or a closure due to significant staff absences. Should this happen, we are putting in place a remote education program which children will be expected to follow at home. This is not an expectation that parents will teach their children at home but is a program of work which will allow children to work largely independently.

Children will access work through a work web, on the class page of the school website which will include an element of 'Active Learn' which they are all familiar with. Most of the children accessed this during the initial lockdown and sent in some amazing work, via e-mail, to their teachers. Work set for the different year groups will be following the national curriculum and teachers will be able to assess against year group expectations. If remote learning has to be put in place all children MUST complete work set. Children who do not complete work are likely to fall significantly behind their peers and parents may be penalised by the local authority.

We are really hoping, as I am sure you all are, that we will remain open and the children can continue to enjoy being back in school. We will do our utmost to ensure the safety of everyone and very much appreciate your help with this in following the guidelines we have had to put in place.

We wish you all the very best of health.

Kind regards



Julie Cole
Headteacher

