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Care, Collaboration, Challenge

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Dear Parent

Training Day for Staff

Friday 3rd July was to be a teacher training day. As we are not operating in normal times at the moment, we have decided to cancel this day and school will be open as usual for all those eligible to attend at present.

Wider Re-opening of School Update

At some point over this last week we have had 166 of our children in school. This is a fantastic achievement under the current government guidelines. Further to my letter last week, the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 class bubbles are now closed to other children. We have already added another key worker group this week and are now inviting Year 5 children back on a part time basis from the 6th July.

Thank you to those Year 5 parents that have responded to our recent letter. We will be in touch with you early next week to let you know which days your child has been allocated.

If you are a key worker, with a child in any of our year groups, we would be grateful if you would give us as much notice as possible if you need a place for your child.

Unfortunately, it will be impossible to bring back any other year groups before the summer break. Thank you to all of our parents that have been supporting their child's home learning. The work that has been produced and uploaded onto Class Dojo is a credit to your children and to you. Over the next few weeks our staff will continue to support those that are learning from home. Be mindful, however, that all of our teachers are in class at some point throughout the week, so will not always be able to respond immediately to work that has been uploaded. Class Dojo will be shut down for the summer holidays, though please don't delete it as we are looking at ways of using it after the summer break.

At the time of writing, plans for September are still up in the air. The government are clear that they want to have every child back in school from September. We really look forward to that and are putting plans in place for a 'normal' start to the term. Government guidelines for September are being published next week, so we may know more shortly.

PE Tops

It's really good to write about something 'normal'. Last year we introduced a new PE top to the academy, initially beginning with our reception children. If you need to buy a new PE top for your

child for September, these can be purchased from Greenswear. If your child's current PE top still fits, then they may continue to wear it.

Information from the Previous Newsletter

Reports

Your child will still receive a school report for this academic year. Due to the pandemic, this will not be as detailed as usual, but will give you a snapshot of how your child was doing as we went into lockdown. Reports this year will be sent electronically, wherever possible.

Hand Washing

Whilst in school, the children will be asked to wash their hands on a regular basis. Soap is provided in all classrooms and toilets. There will also be a supply of hand sanitiser in classrooms, to be dispensed by an adult, if needed. **The hand sanitiser is alcohol based. If you would prefer your child not to use this, then please contact the school office.**

Sun Cream/Sun Hats

When the hot weather returns, please remember to send your child with a sun hat. Hopefully they will be spending lots of time outside. You should apply sunscreen before your child leaves for school. If your child needs to reapply sunscreen during the day, please supply sunscreen, with your child's name clearly marked on it. We recommend using as high an SPF as possible.

Children are encouraged to apply their own sunscreen. Under no circumstances are children allowed to share their sunscreen with other children. Younger children will be supported by staff to apply their sunscreen, if necessary.

The full Sun Safety policy can be found in the policies section of our website.

2021-2022 Term Dates

Our 2021-2022 term dates have now been published on our website.

Thank you once again for your support in these difficult times.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett