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24th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Full opening of school

Following the Government announcement on 22nd February, we are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back again on **8th March**.

Staff are really looking forward to having everyone back in the classrooms again and we are praying that we can stay open to everyone for the remainder of the school year.

In order to do this, we will be following the Government guidance closely and have reviewed and updated our risk assessment. We are committed to ensuring that school remains a safe place for all.

Children will continue to be taught in their 'bubbles' and there are currently no plans for any whole school gatherings. Additional cleaning will remain in place throughout the school day and children will be washing their hands regularly, as they were last term.

In order for us to ensure maximum safety for all pupils, I would remind you again of procedures for drop off/pick up and how this can be supported by all families.

We will once again be splitting the school alphabetically for entry/exit to school. We have adjusted exit times slightly to accommodate lunchtime break more easily.

Times are as follows for all pupils and 30 hours Nursery:

Surnames A-H - 8.30am - 2.45pm

Surnames I-Z - 8.45am - 3pm

For morning Nursery only:

Surnames A-H - 8.30am - 11.30am

Surnames I-Z - 8.45am - 11.45am



Children will enter and exit the site via the gates used in September. Unfortunately, as per Government guidance, we cannot accept other adults onto the school site without a prior appointment, so we will not be using the playground for parents just yet.

Please ensure you maintain social distancing (2 metres) outside of school gates from other families. Please do not congregate close to the gates - staff will not let your child out until they can see you. Please leave as soon as you have dropped off/picked up. Face coverings should be worn by adults and children in KS2 please. Children will need to wear a face covering at any point they are outside of their classroom. Adults will be wearing visors both inside and outside the classroom.

Please do not leave your child with another family or allow your child to hug other adults - this is social mixing and should be discouraged. If you have a relative picking up/dropping off, could you please ensure they are aware of our procedures.

1 adult/ older sibling per family please to drop off/pick up and a reminder not to bring dogs with you.

I know these measures sometimes appear draconian, but I really believe if we stick very tightly to them for a few more months, then we can all get to June and, hopefully, some return to life as normal. I'm sure you share this sentiment with staff.

Our birthday celebrations will begin again and we will catch up on any outstanding celebrations, so that there will be something lovely for children to look forward to.

If any families are concerned about their child's mental health, please contact Mrs Cox as we have a range of support available for children and she can then bring cases to my attention. We also have a range of support available for parents, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Could you please ensure your child brings all of their Home Learning into school with them- the Power Maths Practice Books; home reading books and any other work they have completed. These form a valuable part of our assessing next steps for each child as we plan our work for the summer term. It's also very important that we recognise and celebrate the great effort made by the children (and parents) during this lockdown.

The maths practice books are essential for completion of class-based work from 8th March.

We look forward to seeing you all on March 8th.

Take care,



Mrs J Rea
Headteacher