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But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded ~ 2 Chronicles 15:7

Inspire Believe Achieve

Our aim is to inspire and encourage our children to believe in their ability to succeed through learning. This vision will enable them to achieve and succeed in reaching their full potential and beyond, now and for their future.

Tuesday 18th August

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you have been enjoying the summer break so far and have continued to stay safe. School leaders have been working through the ever-updating government guidance regarding school opening to create a risk assessment, which will be reviewed by the academy trust's board of directors at the end of August. However, we recognise that you require information regarding re-opening prior to that and have made the decision to share our re-opening plans with you now. Please be aware that these plans are subject to change should the academy's directors require it or due to changes in government guidance.

The government has requested that all pupils should return to school in September. Some pupils have already completed Zoom meetings with, or are familiar with, their new teachers and have some awareness of the expectations of their new class.

Pupils in Years 1 to 6 will return to school on Thursday 3rd September. Pupils starting in Reception will begin on a part-time basis from Monday 7th September, for the first few weeks of term, to support their transition into primary school after a disrupted final year at pre-school.

At school, children will be in their class bubbles throughout the day. They will not mix closely with children from other classes, as it is vital that we limit contact with pupils in the event of an outbreak. In order to further support this, we will put in place a system of staggered start and ends to the day, as well as break and lunchtimes. Please be aware that some years will start school and end school at times which are different to usual.

Start of day/ End of day procedures

Please see the table below to find out what time each class should arrive and be collected from school.

Year Group	Timings
Class 1	Start: 9.15am End: 12:00pm
Class 2	Start: 9:05am End: 3:10pm
Class 3	Start: 8.55am End: 3:05pm
Class 4	Start: 8:45am End: 3.00pm



From now on, the school must limit the number of parents on the school site and to support this, staff will collect and return children to parents queueing, 2m apart, at the school gate/ along the fence. Please be aware that teachers will not be available to chat at the start of the day, as it is important that we clear the front of school quickly to allow for other classes to begin queueing.

It is vital that these timings are adhered to, and drop off and collection is completed promptly. For parents with siblings in younger year groups, you are able to drop your child off and pick them up at the earlier start or finish time.

Collection

Parents to queue in same place as arrival drop off, and pupils will be released to parents by staff.

Classroom set up

Classrooms have been re-arranged to follow the government's current guidance. Desks are arranged to be forward facing and certain items have been removed until we feel it is safe to return them.

Morning break

Morning break times will be staggered, to allow for social distancing. Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack.

Lunches

Lunch breaks will be staggered for the different bubbles. Children are able to bring in a packed lunch box, and hot meals will be provided for those who have ordered them.

Hand washing and hygiene

The school will promote regular hand washing amongst all staff and children, as well as good respiratory hygiene by promoting the "Catch it; bin it; kill it" approach. To support this, the school has had hand sanitiser dispensers fitted at the entry point for each classroom, as well as at other key points around the school. Pupils will use these when entering and exiting the classroom.

Additional cleaning

We have put in place additional cleaning during the school day, which will focus on shared and frequently touched areas around the building.

School transport

We have been awaiting confirmation from the local authority regarding school transport arrangements for September. However, at the time of writing, there has been no confirmation of these arrangements. As soon as we hear, we will inform the parents of children who use school transport.

Curriculum

The school will be providing all children with our usual rich and broad curriculum once we return. As allows, we will focus on developing key skills in reading, writing and mathematics, but recognise that children may need support in understanding some of the experiences they have been through in recent months. In order to meet the needs of our children, we will be delivering a "recovery curriculum" which will focus on developing their personal and social skills to begin. We will be using this time to identify children who may need additional support, either emotionally or academically, and putting in place intervention programmes to support groups and individuals.

Communication

Communication with the school should be made via email or telephone from now on, due to restrictions of accessing the school site. Any messages can be passed on to staff as needed. Face to face meetings with staff inside the school building will no longer take place.

Resources

It is vital that we limit the number of resources transferring between home and school and we ask for your support with this. Children will be provided with their own pencil case at school so we can limit shared resources within the classroom. Reading books, reading records etc will be sent home and books changed on a regular basis. Children must bring in a filled water bottle every day. In the event of warmer weather, please ensure children have sun cream applied before arrival at school. PE kits should not be sent in to school. Items such as bags, coats and hats are allowed to be brought in to school.

PE / Forest School

Children will be taking part in regular PE and Forest School lessons, class teachers will inform you of the days these will take place. On these days, please send your child into school in suitable clothing, and footwear. Children will remain in this clothing throughout the day. For Forest School sessions, please ensure your child has a spare change clothes. Correct P.E kit requirements can be found on the school website.

Behaviour Policy/ Home school agreement

The school has updated the behaviour policy and home school agreement in light of Covid-19 and these documents will be sent out to you from the school office. Please complete the online document to indicate that you agree to these revised terms.

Uniform

All children should wear the usual school uniform, unless it is a PE or Forest School day.

Attendance

The government have clearly stated that parents have a duty to secure that their child attends school regularly and the school will return to its usual procedures for monitoring attendance from September.

Suspected cases of Covid-19

It is vital that should your child display any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19, they must not attend school. You should notify the school immediately if you suspect your child is symptomatic and follow the current government guidance regarding testing and self isolation. Any child that becomes unwell with symptoms associated with Covid-19 during the school day, will be isolated until they can go home and the following procedures undertaken:

- The child will be isolated in our isolation space, supervised by senior staff member, with the door closed and window open.
- PPE will be worn by any adults required to supervise a symptomatic pupil.
- If a child or member of staff tests positive for Covid-19, the school will liaise with the local health protection team and follow the advice provided, which may include instructing certain staff and pupils to self-isolate for a period of time.

It is therefore vital that you update the school with any new contact details immediately, as any symptomatic child should be removed from the school site promptly.

We recognise that a number of these changes are quite significant but they have been informed by new government guidance to support the full re-opening of schools and to ensure the safety of both children and staff. It is hoped that as time goes on we will be able to move towards our more usual routines and expectations; however, we cannot guarantee that this will happen.

Kind regards,

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