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COVID-19 reopening of Year 1 Class 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support during this time of school closure. We understand that it is a very unsettling time for everyone and we want to support all the children and families during this current situation. We are now in a position to welcome the year 1 children back into school (subject to local and government guidance) and we want to share with you further information about the procedures we have in place.

As you know from previous correspondence the children will be placed in a 'group bubble' and will be in school on **Mondays and Tuesdays from Monday 22nd June 2020**

Our assumption will be that all year 1 children from class 2 will be in school on the allocated days unless you inform us that you are choosing not to send your child back at this stage. If this is the decision that you have made, then please do talk to us about your thoughts and your child's place will remain open.

We are following the government guidelines as closely as we can and the measures that are put in place are to limit the possibility of the spread of the virus. Please also read the following information before you make any decisions about your child returning to school.

It is important to be aware that if your child attends the care centre key worker bubble in school, they will not be able to cross between their year group bubble and the care centre bubble. Similarly if your child attends the year group bubble, they will not be able to return to the school care centre group that has been operating throughout this period. This is because children are not allowed to cross between bubbles or care settings.

There is also the added difficulty of attending other groups outside of school. It is very important for you to know that, from June, **if your child attends any other child care setting (childminder, playgroup, nursery, or after school group) they cannot come into any of the school bubbles. Similarly, if your child attends any of the school bubbles they should not attend any other group outside school.**

We apologise for any complexities here. The important thing is that we continue to follow the advice of the government and that we have in place stringent safety measures.



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It is still important to reduce contact between people as much as possible, so children, young people and staff where possible, should only mix in a small, consistent group and that small group should stay away from other people and groups. (government advice)

If you are unsure or have any questions about the bubbles and attending school and other settings, please contact the school. We are happy to talk and answer any questions and help as much as we are able.

The classroom setting

Following government guidelines, it has been necessary to make changes to the classroom environment, but we have created a space that children will continue to enjoy and thrive in, with safety being at the forefront of our plans. We have done this through selecting materials that can be easily cleaned and removing ones that can't, as well as working in smaller groups and distancing working areas. We can assure you that the school days have been well thought out and the children have access to the national curriculum and appropriate resources.

Throughout all of our decision making we will be following a rigorous risk assessment for the safety and wellbeing of your child.

Please note the following:

- Children must wear school uniform.
- Please bring a named water bottle as we are no longer using the water fountain in the classroom.
- They do not need to bring in books or possessions from home as they will have their own learn packs to be kept in school.
- The outdoor environment will be used as much as possible to support distancing measures therefore, please ensure your child has a suitable coat, sun hat (on warmer days) and that sun cream has been applied at home when needed. Please also make sure suitable footwear is available in school because we plan to spend time in the garden and in the trees at the bottom of the field. In our last correspondence we suggested that the children leave an old pair of trainers in school for this reason, but if you prefer them to bring in wellies or to continue to wear their school shoes for the 'muddier' outdoor activities that is fine.
- Fruit and milk is currently not available in school so if you would like your child to have a snack please provide a piece of fruit or vegetable that your child can eat independently.
- Each morning, the children are to be dropped off at the school gate. Your child will be collected by a member of staff and taken safely to the classroom. Once they arrive children will wash hands and then keep to a social distance where sensible and feasible.
- Books bags, PE kits and other resources **will not be allowed** in school.
- Packed lunch boxes can be brought to school if your child has a packed lunch. A named water bottle will also be permitted.
- If you require your child to have a school dinner, then please book this through parent pay in the normal way. Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms.
- At the end of the day, we will bring the children to the school playground entrance. Please wait at a social distance on the grass outside the school or around the pavement. Children will be socially distanced and we will send each child to you one at a time.



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- If you wish to discuss anything with a member of staff, then please phone the school office and leave a message.

Please do not send your child to school if your child displays any symptoms of the Corona Virus as defined by the scientific advice (the main symptoms being a high temperature, and /or a new, continuous cough and/or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste) or if your child is just feeling unwell. If your child develops an illness or specific symptoms at school, we will of course contact you immediately to discuss this with you, followed by (when required) an expectation that you will pick up your child immediately and follow government advice. In accordance with our health and safety measures a decision will be made as to whether to close the group bubble or to keep it open.

It is therefore vital that your contact details are correct, for e.g. any phone numbers, including work/home and mobile, or e mail addresses. Please inform the office immediately of any changes so that we can keep our details up to date and contact you directly, should the need arise. We would also advise that, in the current circumstances, the parent/carer would collect the child from school rather than a secondary contact.

If you have made the decision not to send your child back to school then we will continue to support you at home through the weekly learn packs.

Reminder about arrival and departure times

We have staggered collection and drop-off times to make sure that parents and children are able to social distance. Please endeavour to keep to these timings as other class bubbles will be arriving and departing at different times.

Please bring your child to school for **8:55am – 9:00am** and pick up at **3:10pm**. At the end of the day the children will be led onto the playground and will walk through the gate to join you as it is safe to do so.

With kind regards,

Mr N. B. Payling

