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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you are well and that you and your children are excited about coming back to school next Monday. We are certainly looking forward to seeing them all. We understand that children have had a whole variety of different experiences during the lockdown and that there will be many different emotions about Monday; please rest assured that we have been planning for this and are here to support you and your child. This letter outlines our arrangements for next week to ensure a safe and smooth transition.

Key Principles

- The health and safety of pupils, parents and staff remains our key priority (our risk assessment can be viewed **HERE**);
- To continue to follow and adhere to government guidelines;
- For all staff and pupils to return to school full time; the DfE guidance clearly states that all children should return to school from this date.
- To aim to continue to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum.

Below are one or two key points which will hopefully enable Monday and the rest of the term to run smoothly for you and for us.

Key Points

- Children should wear their uniform and school shoes (please see the parent information leaflet on the website if you are unsure). We believe that this will help them settle back into the school routines.
- Face coverings must be worn by all adults entering the school site.
- Children will arrive and leave at the following staggered times: -

Arrive 8.40 - 8.50 Year 1, 3 and 5 Home 3.05 - 3.15 Arrive 8.50 - 9.00 Year R, 2, 4 & 6 Home 3.15 - 3.25

EYFS and KS1 children should line up outside their doors with one parent, adhering to social distancing rules. When the majority of children are present the teacher will take all the children in and the parents will leave in a line continuing to social distance by the steps onto the cobbled footpath.

Years 3 & 4 will enter via the main gate and line up outside the classroom door with their parent in one line adhering to social distancing. As their child enters school the parent will follow the one-way system (down the side of the line) and leave via the main gate.



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Year 5 and 6 will arrive and enter school immediately by the Y5/6 door (rather than on the playground). Parents should not accompany children beyond the school gates.

All children and parents should arrive at school at the correct time and leave the grounds immediately.

- Days on which PE is to take place, children will come to school in their PE kit and remain in it for the whole day. Children will be expected to wear the school uniform PE kit of red polo shirt and black shorts or black jogging bottoms, jumper and plain trainers. If anyone thinks they may struggle to get the correct PE kit please contact school.
- Swimming for Y4 will not take place until further notice.
- Brass for Y5 will not take place until further notice.
- Children in KS2 may bring a snack. This should only be a piece of fruit or veg. It should be
 kept in the book bag or coat pocket; it should not be put in a lunch box. Children in KS1 will be
 provided with a snack.
- If you need to speak to the office staff please do not visit the office but speak to them on the phone (01484 681950). If you need to speak to anyone else in school please ring the office for an appointment.
- If anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 or has received a positive test, please do not send your child to school but follow the government's self-isolating advice.

Please do read our updated risk assessment in full so that you gain a full understanding of some of the reasons behind our decisions. A list of FAQs is available on the website.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep us all safe by adhering to the government guidelines in all areas of our lives. We look forward to a very positive rest of the term and as always please do not hesitate to contact us (by phone or email!) if we can help in any way.

Best wishes,

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