



Friday 17th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We know that many children have not been to school since March and therefore our priority for when they all return in September is to ensure that they are happy and settled. The children's wellbeing and mental health comes first and this will be reflected in the structure of the day. Daily circle times will give them the chance to talk about their experiences during lock down and the new skills they have acquired. They will also be able to talk about any worries or concerns that they have which will be addressed by the class teacher or referred to Mrs Jackson if we feel more support is needed. They will also have missed spending time with their friends and therefore we will be providing opportunities for them to play with their peers and spend more time being active / learning outside.

In order to support the children back in to the routines of the day and learning, we will be delivering lessons in short chunks. The curriculum we teach will also be reviewed, for example with a focus on number skills in maths for the first half term. We will be embedding key skills in writing e.g. spelling, punctuation and sentence structure using books as a hook to learning. Children will also be encouraged to read throughout the day. Each year group will continue to cover a range of foundation subjects.

Once we feel that the children have settled back in to school life, we will informally assess where the children are with regards to age related expectations and put a 'catch up' programme in place for children who would benefit from additional interventions.

The staggered drop off and collection procedures that we currently have in place have been working well and will continue in September. The children will go straight in to class and will work as follows:

Class	Drop off Time	Collection Time	Entrance / Exit
Year 6	8.45am	3.00pm	Back entrance
Year 5	9.15am	3.30pm	Back entrance
Year 4R	9.15am	3.30pm	Front entrance (reception area)
Year 4SR / 4K	9.15am	3.30pm	Main entrance (Y3 playground)
Year 3	9.00am	3.15pm	Main entrance (Y3 playground)

If you have siblings please **drop off at the earlier time**. There will be signs and members of staff available to help out on the first few days if you are unsure. We will review the system if needed. For your own and others safety, parents and carers are unable to come onto the school site unless a meeting has been pre-arranged. If you are dropping off or collecting children from the playground, please ensure that you follow social distancing measures at all times. Children are required to wear school uniform. We are planning to be outside as much as possible so children can wear trainers (preferably black).



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We already have extensive cleaning routines and social distancing procedures in place that have worked effectively.

Handwashing	Children will be reminded about how to wash their hands effectively and will be asked to do this on arrival and throughout the day. All classrooms have sinks and soap and paper towels are available at all times. Each classroom also has a bin with a lid on it and these will be emptied regularly. External hand sanitisers have also been installed at each entrance.
Classroom equipment / furniture	All children will have their own set of resources e.g. pen, pencil etc Children will sit side by side in order to face forwards as much as possible. Touch points will be regularly cleaned as will tables and chairs throughout the day. The use of sports equipment and other resources such as art and science can be shared amongst the class but will be cleaned before another group uses it.
Lunchtime	Hot and Cold grab bags will be provided and taken to each classroom for those who wish to have school dinners and these can be ordered through School Grid. Children may also bring packed lunches which will be eaten in classrooms. This will be reviewed after a few weeks to see if we can provide hot dinners safely.
Movement around school	This will be restricted as much as possible to ensure that minimum contact takes place. It is considered low risk to pass in the corridor etc but the children will have no need to leave their classrooms other than to go to the toilet. Please be assured that we will be outside as much as possible as this is lower risk but again on a rotational basis and with their year group bubble.
Toilets	Each class will be shown which toilets to use (specific cubicles). Soap and paper towels will be provided in all toilets as well as classrooms.
Staff safety	The staff will social distance at all times. PPE is not required on a daily basis but will be available should a child show symptoms and 2 metres distance cannot be maintained or if they are delivering first aid. All staff have a comprehensive understanding of the risk assessments to ensure their own safety as well as that of the children's. Staff have been consulted on a regular basis and their views sought throughout to ensure their safety has been taken in to consideration as well as the children's.
Displaying symptoms	If your child shows any symptoms of Covid 19 (new, continuous cough or a high temperature) they are to stay at home until the test result is confirmed as negative or for 7 days if positive. Household members should also self-isolate for 14 days. Should a child or member of staff show symptoms of Covid19 whilst in school, they may have their temperature taken and will be isolated within school until they are able to go home. They will not be able to return until the test results have been confirmed. Tests are now available to staff and children. Should a member of staff or child test positive, parents of the children in the bubble will be contacted and asked to keep their children at home for the next 14 days.

Please phone or email if you have any further questions. We are so excited to see the children and for our Nevill Road family to be together again. Thank you for your continued support throughout these difficult times and I hope you all have a good break.

Kind regards,
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