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Dear Parents,

I am delighted that we can at return to school full time in September and am writing to you to inform you of some important details ahead of then. I will update you all with any changes to these instructions towards the end of August but, for now, I wanted to ensure that you have the most important information available to you.

In principle, the Government's guidance on returning to school full-time is for schools to take sensible steps to reduce the need to shut a whole school should there be any confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, adaptations to the school day are being made to try to reduce the likelihood of that happening and allow us to return to as close to normality as possible so that children can get back to enjoying school and learning.

Class 'Bubbles'

School will reopen on Thursday 3rd September 2020 for all pupils in years 1-6. Our new reception class have received separate information about their starting arrangements. Each class will form their own 'bubble' and the children from each class will remain within their own 'bubble' for the whole day. At the present time, physical whole school events, such as assemblies or performances will be unable to happen.

Blobs

Two bubbles will have the same timetable for breaks and dinners but will remain separate at these times. Each class will have their own designated areas of the playground and hall throughout these times, to reduce contact as much as possible. These staggered times will also give pupils more space to play.

These two 'bubbles' will form a 'blob'. The blobs will be Year 5 + 6, Year 3 + 4, Mrs Simpkins + Mr Gilyead, Miss Jones + Mrs Swift.

Start and End of the Day

The start and end of the school day will be staggered so that the challenges of social distancing during these busy times are reduced. Only one adult should bring the children to school and pupils in Year 4-6 may walk home if preferable - it is for parents and pupils to make this decision. We have attempted to keep these times as tight as possible in order to make it easier for families. As with lots of arrangements, this will be kept under constant review.

The timings of the day will be as follows:



	Mrs Swift	Miss Jones	Mr Gilyead	Mrs Simpkins	Mrs McKenna/ Mrs Glynn	Mr Kellett	Miss Thomas	Mrs Torbett
Drop off	9.05*	8.55	8.50	8.50	9.00	8.55	8.40	8.45
Pick up	3.20*	3.10	3.05	3.05	3.20	3.15	3.05	3.10
Location	Infant doors	Infant doors	Infant doors	Y2 door	Y3 door	Junior doors	Junior doors	Y6 door

* We intend to change this to 9.00 and 3.15 once the children are quicker at getting in and out

Junior Side of the Building

When dropping off in the morning, please leave pupils at the Front Gate to walk to their class themselves. They will be greeted by a member of school staff and, should it be necessary, parents should queue along the hedge on either side of the gate. When collecting at home time, please arrive at the given time entering via the Front Gate and then leave the yard as quickly as you can, via the car park gates, making sure your child is next to you. This will create a one-way system around school.

- Mrs Simpkins' parents will wait on the yellow lines either side of the classroom door.
- Year 6 parents should space out in the Quiet Area. Please do not sit on benches.
- Year 5 and Year 4 parents should space out around the multiplication square area, leaving a distance between the fence and main door to allow a flow of traffic.
- Year 3 parents should space out in the central area of the netball court.

Infant Side of the Building

When dropping off in the morning, use the Infant Gate and queue up on the yellow distance markers at the allocated time (please arrive promptly but not earlier than necessary). Parents should leave via the gate to the car park. When collecting at home time, please repeat the same route, collecting your child from the door and leaving via the car park.

Childminders will be allowed to wait, at the end of the school day, on the Junior playground nearest the car park. Parents must inform Infant class teachers if their child is to be collected from a childminder and they can be sent out via the hall to them. Junior pupils will be expected to walk to find their childminder as usual.

Dinners

The children will be able to bring a packed lunch to school or have a hot dinner as usual (Grab and Go bags from the new menu). They must bring a named water bottle to school. The children will eat their lunch with the children from their own 'class bubble' in their own area of the hall or in class (this will be run on a rota). Tables and chairs will be cleaned between groups in the hall. The children eating school dinners will sit down in the hall and have their meal choice brought to them, to restrict movement. Toast will not be served initially but children may continue to bring their own healthy snack in.

Confirmation of school dinner requests was emailed out last week for all pupils in Juniors next year, with a deadline of 24th August. The online form should be completed*. Once the deadline has passed, as usual, pupils can then only change from school dinners or vice versa at the start of a new term or half term. If we have not had a response by 24th August, we will presume that your child's dinner arrangement will remain the same as it was before the lockdown began. **Please note all Year 2 children moving up into KS2 must complete the form.**

*Due to an error on the form sent out last week, please could all parents re-complete the form.

Resources

More resources will be shared again as they are now deemed critical for teaching the curriculum. In the main, items used for learning within their own class bubble or within a blob, will be cleaned at intervals but shared solely within those spaces. Resources which are used throughout the school, eg. laptops, PE equipment, etc, will be thoroughly cleaned before a new class uses them.

In Junior classes, all pupils will have their own pencil case. **Ideally, pupils should bring their own, but it must stay in school.** It should contain the following*:

- School writing pencil
 - Rubber
 - Short ruler
 - Small selection of coloured pencils
 - Enclosed pencil sharpener
- *Pupils will be given these items if they do not have them

Uniform

Full school uniform must be worn. Guidance now states that, 'There is no need for anything other than normal personal hygiene and washing of clothes following a day in a school. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often or differently than usual.'

In a change to the policy, on PE days, **PE kit should be worn instead of uniform** so that it does not need to be stored in school and pupils do not need to get changed. **All pupils should follow the junior section of the policy and wear tracksuit bottoms and trainers.** School jumpers should be worn on these days, not hoodies etc. We are awaiting guidance on bare feet being used for gymnastics activities and may require pupils to leave a pair of pumps in school instead - we will update parents as soon as we have this information.

Stay safe,

Mr Wright