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Dear Parents/Carers,

As per previous letters, we have put together a phased return for pupils in priority year groups, starting with year 6 only.

We need to give you some basic information in how school will now operate on a daily basis so that you can make an informed decision on allowing your child to return to school.

Groups

Children will not be returning to their previously assigned classes (U3 or U4) but will be operating in small groups. There will be 4 groups with no more than 15 pupils in each one. There will be two adults allocated to each group. This may not be your child's usual teacher and teaching assistant and your child may not be in their usual classroom. The group stays together all day and cannot mix with other groups. Children will be allocated their own desk and stationery. Please provide a named water bottle (filled) for your child as we cannot use water fountains at this time. Depending on which group your child is allocated, will determine which days your child will come to school.

Group 1 & 2 will attend school on Mondays and Tuesday only.

Group 3 & 4 will attend school on Thursdays & Fridays only.

Entry and Exit to School

To reduce the numbers of parents and pupils at any one point, we will be implementing staggered entry and exit times for children. Each group will have a 10-minute slot to arrive at school and enter into their classroom. The timings for your child's group will be confirmed on a separate letter. This means your child needs to arrive PROMPTLY as to avoid children mixing with other groups. Children will need to enter the school premises alone and enter school immediately through their designated entrance where staff will be waiting for them.

At allocated home times, please arrive PROMPTLY. Staff will bring your child out onto the playground.

Children should be brought to school and collected by 1 adult only; including Year 6 pupils. This is to ensure that our Year 6 children adhere to social distancing guidelines on their journey to and from home.

Children are NOT permitted to be dropped off at any earlier time slots to congregate and play on the playground. Children who deliberately do not follow social distancing guidelines will be refused entry to school.



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Breaktimes and Lunchtimes

These will be allocated during the day so that groups cannot mix. Each group will stay together for breaktimes and lunchtimes. We will allocate time outside to make sure children get the fresh air and exercise that they need. There will be staggered meal times in place; meals will be eaten in their classroom and a part of the lunch time will again be used for physical activity. School will cater lunch for those children on free-school meals or those who usually pay for school dinners.

During outdoor playtimes we will be encouraging and teaching children about the 2m social distancing guidelines as much as we can.

Free School Meals – If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and you have been receiving a voucher, the expectation from the government is that your child is given their free school meal on site if they are at school. Therefore, if your child is in school we cannot provide a £15 voucher to you.

Uniform

We are relaxing our uniform code from Tuesday 2nd June until further notice. This is for two reasons, one being that children may have grown out of uniform/school shoes and it is currently hard to find in shops as they are closed. The other reason is to ensure that children can have clean clothes each day in school where possible. Children will not need a PE kit at this time.

Belongings

Children cannot bring anything other to school than a coat or lunch box. We will not be changing reading books and sending them home; this is to avoid cross contamination. Therefore, a book bag is not required at this time.

Cleanliness

As per government guidelines, we will be encouraging children to wash their hands regularly during the school day. Please can your child wash their hands before they set off for school. We also have hand sanitiser in school that can be used when relevant.

Staff will clean key classroom points such as tables, door handles, light switches, chairs during the school day. Our cleaning staff will continue their usual routines after pupils have left the building, and will ensure a deeper clean is given to the classrooms, toilets and corridors that have been in use that day. A deep clean will also take place on Wednesday prior to the second group arriving for the latter end of the week.

School Gatherings and Year 6 traditions

School assemblies will not be taking place through this time, which means we cannot invite parents in for assemblies either. Unfortunately, this means that we will not be able to hold our usual leavers' assembly or organise any end of year celebrations for the Year 6 cohort. This includes no end of year production, parties or proms. Gathering signatures for their leavers book will also be not permitted.

Pastoral/Behaviour Policy

We accept that children will need lots of support with their well-being when they return to school. As a school we are preparing for this. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer the usual high level of nurture that we would under normal circumstances if a child becomes upset or is struggling to enter the school building; this is because we have to maintain 2m social distancing. Please be assured this is not normal practice for us and we will find it very difficult not to revert back to what we normally do.



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However, if any child is deliberately breaking the 2m social distancing guidelines, or is making persistent or purposeful gestures about the virus (e.g. coughing on purpose) to upset others, or to avoid following instructions from staff, they will be refused entry to school.

If a parent has any pastoral concerns about their child, you must communicate with school over the telephone or via email. We have to limit the number of visitors into the school building.

Curriculum

Our first priority when your child returns to school is their emotional well-being. We need to acclimatise the children back into the school environment. However, we also have a duty to help your child prepare for the next step on their educational journey. Therefore, we will be offering a curriculum that includes reading, grammar and maths. Due to social distancing, there may be some activities that we would usually do in groups in the classroom that we won't be able to offer at this time.

When your child is not in school, we will still be offering online learning to support them at home.

Breakfast Club

As we are not allowed to mix children between the different groups, we are unable to facilitate a breakfast club for the year 6.

Symptoms

The most recent DfE guidance on symptoms and actions to take is as follows:

"If anyone in an education or childcare setting becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance.

When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms."

Contact from school

Staff members will contact you individually to ask you to confirm if your child will be returning. Once we have this information we can group the children accordingly with named staff members. Year 6 children will be welcomed back into school, however individual pupils who may be a high risk may be advised against a return. We ask families to make a choice and to adhere to that choice. Any changes to the child's attendance can only be made



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after a minimum notice to school of three days. This ensures we as a school can consider any necessary changes to our plan.

We would like each of our families to consider the above information carefully. As a school we will continue to support you in whatever decision you make.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Hafeji
Principal



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