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Thursday 16th July 2020

Thursday 3rd September 2020 Full Reopening of School Arrangements

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a long time it feels to have been since we last saw each other! Thank you so much for your continued support and patience during this incredibly challenging time.

We are really looking forward to welcoming **all** of our children back together on **Thursday 3rd September** in their new year groups. We must however, put safety first when doing this and ensure that we are all following the government guidance carefully. The overarching themes of the latest Government guidance (published in July) are:

- If a person is displaying any symptoms of coronavirus, they are **not to enter any educational setting**
- We must all **clean our hands thoroughly** and **more often**
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene (where possible, ensure windows & doors are kept open to allow **fresh air** to circulate)
- Minimise contact between individuals and **maintain social distancing** wherever possible

Bubbles (groups that should limit mixing):

One of the key areas that we need to be mindful of is that different 'bubbles' are encouraged to limit mixing as much as possible. As you can imagine, this has posed significant challenges in planning and putting new measures in place. Part of our school risk assessment has meant that we have considered carefully how to arrange classrooms in order to maximise social distancing between the adult and the children (as the guidance suggests) and to focus on getting children into their respective classrooms as quickly as possible. Staggered breaktimes and lunchtimes will be in place throughout the school day.

Our 'bubbles' are set up as follows with each bullet point indicating one bubble, this means children from within these bubbles can share toilets, outdoor spaces and adults:

- EYFS Noah's Ark
- Year 1 Gospels and Year 2 Apostles
- Year 3 Disciples and Year 4 Pilgrims
- Year 5 Saints and Year 6 Prophets

Each child in KS1 and KS2 will have their own resource pack on their desk with their own individual stationery and learning equipment inside. Children will keep their water bottles on their desk and will be encouraged to refill them independently.

For children in KS1 and KS2, on the day your child has PE they are required to attend school already wearing their PE kit so that changing in school is not required.

The arrangements for EYFS are slightly different and will be explained to parents on Wednesday 2nd September at their 'new to school' meetings with the teacher.

Hygiene:

Children will be encouraged to sanitize their hands, or wash with soap and water, at regular intervals during the day, particularly when arriving at school, visiting the toilets and before and after break and lunchtimes. Due to the stringent hygiene protocols, please can you ensure that your children do not bring any additional items into school with them - they will only need their book bag, coat and lunch bag. As mentioned previously, individual pupil packs have been set up with all of the resources and stationery which they will need for their learning.

Start and end of the school day for KS1 and KS2:

The front and back gates will remain open for **KS1 and KS2** children from **8:30am to 8:45am** as usual. We feel we are well placed to take maximum precautions in minimizing contact between different families because we have two separate entrances onto our site which will ease the flow of people accessing it at any one time. We will encourage social distancing at all times and would ask you to support us with this.

We will have access restrictions in place to avoid congestion with children entering and exiting classrooms via fire exits to minimise crossover in corridors. Children in key stage 2 should be encouraged to walk to their classrooms by themselves in order to keep as few people as possible on the school site.

It is important that we stick to the timings below in order to keep the number of people accessing the site at a reasonable level.

Bubble	Start Time	End time
Noah's Ark	9am	3pm
Gospels & Apostles	Between 8:30 – 8:45am	3:05 pm
Disciples & Pilgrims		3:10 pm
Saints & Prophets		3:10 pm

During the first few days, staff will be on hand to make sure that everyone finds their way to their classroom. Markings will be displayed on the floor to ensure social distancing but can we ask that all parents/carers avoid congregating on the playground during the transition times. The DfE guidance states that *'gathering at the school gates and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed'*. We have obviously always promoted an open-door policy so if there is anything you wish to discuss please contact us via phone/email, we will be happy to help!

Breakfast Packs:

Not only have we maintained FSM food hampers throughout every single holiday this year, including continuous provision through the Summer holidays too, but from September we are also very excited to be partnering with the NSBP (National School Breakfast Programme) and Magic Breakfast to be able to offer FREE breakfast packs to any family who needs them.

All you need to do to register is let the office know as soon as possible that you would like to receive a breakfast pack so that then we can place the order before Summer. Breakfast packs will be available for collection from school by families from Monday 14th September – further details will follow in the new school year.

Lunchtime:

Initially for the first two weeks of term, children will be eating a packed lunch in their classrooms, therefore, Willoughby Foods will only be offering a cold option on their online ordering system.

Extra-curricular clubs:

We have got a wonderful menu of clubs available for the Autumn term thanks to Mr Lee & Mr Rowlett! These range from gymnastics to Lego club and even gardening club too for those of you who love the outdoors! The arrangements for these will be shared in the new school year but they have all been planned so that they are safely within the current Covid-19 guidelines.

Superstar Collective Worship and Parental Engagement events:

Sadly, in accordance with the current Government guidance, we are not able to meet as a whole school and we have to keep visitors on-site to a minimum. Therefore, we will not be holding any parental engagement events/ workshops or Superstar Collective Worship in the Autumn term. As soon as we are able to restart these, we will, because we know how popular they are!

National Tutoring Programme/Catch-Up:

You may have heard/ read lots of reports in the press about the billion-pound offer to help children 'catch-up' as part of the National Tutoring Programme. However, despite the announcement three weeks ago, we still have not had any guidance on what this will look like or how any funding will be distributed to schools! Please rest assured that as soon as we know what the support programme will look like, we will communicate this with you.

Through our weekly catch ups with every single family, what we are finding is that children are generally demonstrating resilience, excitement and stamina for learning. When we return in September, our talented teachers are well prepared and resourced to deliver a high quality, broad and balanced curriculum which will be informed by the individual assessments they make in the first few weeks back at school. Your child will receive a learning diet which is carefully matched to their needs and our new Parent Hub app will ensure you receive updates and information that will help you to support your child at home too.

Parent Hub:

This is a FREE app that we would like every single parent to download onto their mobile device because it will be our primary method of communicating with you from September. It enables personalised updates, letters, pictures and more, to be sent quickly and directly to your mobile phone! Set-up is easy but we will be offering help with this at our transition meetings on the 17th, 20th and 21st July.

Alternatively, you could scan this QR code (with your Android or Apple phones) to start the set-up process or use the instructions on the back page of this letter!



I know there is absolutely LOADS of information in this letter, so as always, if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Don't forget, everybody is due to return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

For now though, all that remains for me to say is that we simply cannot wait to see you all in September, Stay Safe and ... Keeeeeep Shining!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F. Booth

Head of Academy

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