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Full Re-Opening on Monday 7th September

2nd September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Following the latest government guidance about re-opening and I am able to inform you of our plans to welcome every pupil back for the Autumn Term. The latest government guidance can be read at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#main-changes-since-this-guidance-was-last-updated>

We are recommending that parents visit gov.uk/backtoschool for information and practical guidance to help them plan for their children's return to school.

The first day of the Autumn Term is Monday 7th September and we will be open for every pupil. We have updated our risk assessment to welcome all of the children back to school. Our aim is to get back to our 'normal' school routine and ensure children are able to return to their learning. There will be some changes which are described below.

Bubbles

On the children's return they will be in 'Bubbles'. Each school will have two 'Bubbles'- a Reception & Key Stage 1 and a Key Stage 2 Bubble.

This will mean different drop-off and collection times for each Bubble:

Bubble	Drop-Off time	Collection Time	Entrance/Exit
Otters	9:00 to 9:15am	3:00 to 3:15pm	Maunders Hill gate
Dragonflies & K'Fishers	8:45 to 9:00am	2:45 to 3:00pm	Meet at War Memorial

Please continue to drop off your child at their entrances and ensure that all parents are following social distancing guidelines.

If you would like to speak to your class teacher you can contact the office and they will make contact with you.

Attendance

The expectation is that every child will return on Monday 7th September. The guidance clearly states: 'Now the circumstances have changed it is vital for all children to return to school to minimize as far as possible the longer term impact of the pandemic on children's education, well-being and wider development. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind.'

Uniform

School uniform is expected to be worn every day and the guidance states that there is no expectation for uniform to be washed more often than usual.

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PE Kit

On the days children have PE children need to come in to school wearing their kit. This means less changing time and PE kit can be washed every week. At Otterton every child will be having a PE lesson on a Monday and your child's class teacher will inform you of the other day.

Equipment

Children will be provided with their own stationary pack whilst in school so children will only need to bring in their lunch-box, drinks bottle and reading books. There will be further information coming out about reading books being sent home and returning to school. Please can children not bring in toys from home.

System Controls

We have a number of actions in place following the guidance published by the government. In school we will be following the actions set out below:

Prevention:

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- 1) minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- 2) Where recommended, use of face coverings in schools (not yet recommended for primary age children)
- 3) clean hands thoroughly more often than usual
- 4) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- 5) introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach
- 6) minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
- 7) where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

Symptoms

The same guidance still applies; if your child or any member of your family displays any symptoms they should get tested if they have – a new cough or a high temperature. They should be kept at home for 10 days and if a family member displays symptoms your child should not come to school for 14 days.

Breakfast Club & Music Teachers

We are able to resume music lessons along with Breakfast Club and After-School clubs where applicable.

Any details about Breakfast Club will be sent out before the end of the week. We are delighted to announce we will be having our very own specialist PE teacher, Mr Sam Luxa, teaching the children throughout the year. He will be at Otterton on a Monday and Drake's on a Tuesday.

These are our plans based on the current advice and we will be updating our procedures according to the guidance. We will also keep our plans under constant review to reflect the needs of the children, parents, staff and external factors during the Autumn Term.

We want to make the children's return to school as smooth and calm as possible to ensure their start back to school is a positive one.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Halford

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