

15th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Preparing for September 2020

I wanted to update you on our planning for full re-opening of the school next term. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back on 7th September 2020 and we're working hard to make the school a safe, enjoyable environment. We believe that returning to school is vital for all children for their education, mental health and wellbeing. We are currently implementing a system of controls outlined by the Department of Education to reduce the risk of transmission of the coronavirus so we can ensure a safe return to school for everyone.

When your children come into school, we'll have the following protective measures in place:

- Reduced contact and maximising distance between all pupils and staff
- A requirement that ill people stay at home
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Active engagement with NHS Track and Trace

We have considered the following to reduce the amount of contact across school

- Grouping children together in year groups
- Avoiding contact between groups
- Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks
- Staff maintaining distance from children and other staff as much as possible
- Avoiding large gatherings but utilising technology instead
- Staggering drop off and pick up times, staggering lunch times and staggering playtimes.

Please find enclosed an Information Sheet, a map of the school together with the menu for the Autumn Term, we hope they will provide you with all the information you need about returning to school safely in September.

We understand that communication between school and parents and carers is vital. We appreciate we are unable to have the open dialogue we normally enjoy as you will not be allowed on the school site without appointment. However, we will always endeavour to respond quickly to any form of communication and if you do have a concern please do share it with us.

We have really missed everyone and we look forward to seeing everyone back in September, but in the meantime we hope you have a lovely summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



Tess Coulthard

Acting Executive Headteacher from September and Head of School

Attachments: Information Sheet, Map of School, Lunch Menu & Order Form