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Dear Parent and Carers,

We are pressing ahead with arrangements for all children to return to school in September. Attendance is compulsory for all children from September.

You will have seen in the media about children being in bubbles. A bubble for our school is a class i.e. Year 3 Rabbit would be a class bubble.

The twin strategy for schools is to limit contact between pupils and implement hygiene measures. These are known as systems of control.

In order to do this there are a number of practical arrangements that will be in place.

## <u> Term 1</u>

Staff development days Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. **Children return to school Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September except** new reception class.

• Staggered start times and pick up times

Surnames that are between A-G will be 8:30am and pick up at 2:55pm Surnames that are between H-P will be 8:45am and pick up at 3:10pm Surnames that are between Q-Z will be 9:00am and pick up at 3:25pm

- No clubs will run in term 1 this includes Breakfast and After School club
- One adult only with child/ren to drop off and pick up. Children in Year R-4 must be taken to the bubble line located outside the classroom door and will be picked up from the same place.
- Parents **must follow the one-way system** around the school. Follow the signs.
- Parents must maintain 1 metre + distance at all times on the school premises. **Please do not gather in groups** on the school premises.
- Adults coming onto school premises may wear face masks but children are not to wear face masks once entering their bubble. (if the parent wishes

the child to wear a mask on the way to school they must remove it and take it home once the child goes into the bubble)

- School uniform to be worn but children may wear trainers for the first week.
- PE kits are not to be sent into school until Monday 21st September
- Sports week will be Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September during that week children must come to school in PE kit every day. This can be any appropriate sportswear. After that kits can be washed and then sent into school to go onto pegs.
- Children will **need a coat everyday**. Good ventilation around school is vital. If a child gets cold they may wear their coats in the classroom.
- Lunchboxes and labelled water bottles may be brought to school. Children will have a new water bottle waiting for them in their classrooms.
- No bookbags or any other items to be brought in from home unless this has been agreed by Mrs Pearson or the class teacher.
- Each child will have their own pack with pencils etc. in the classroom to minimise sharing of equipment.
- You can send your child in with their own antibacterial gel. This must be named. There are extra system controls in place for hand washing etc
- The kitchen will be providing hot meals from September. If you pay for a meal, please pay online or send the correct cash in a named envelope before the day you require a lunch.
- If your child develops a temperature or appears unwell in school, we will contact you to come and get them straight away. Any child from 5 years can be tested for Covid.
- Please make sure the school has at least 2 contact numbers.
- In the event of a positive test result for Covid, in the school, the 'bubble', which is a whole class and the staff who work in that bubble, will have to immediately go home and isolate for 14 days. There would be no exceptions, including for key workers. You will need to have in place arrangements for who will be able to look after your child during isolation.

I have been overwhelmed by the messages of support from parents over the last few months. Things will not be back to 'normal' for quite some time but working together and following the guidance we will make the school environment as safe as we can so that we can all get back to the most important reason we are here to Learn, Enjoy and Grow.

Yours sincerely, Mrs E Pearson