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Dear Parent of Butterfly Class,

We are all very excited to welcome new reception class on Wednesday 9th September

We have all been working hard making the school as safe as possible and putting into place new ways of working. There may be some teething issues but we intend to carry out a review approximately every two weeks. The first review will be Thursday 17th September, if changes to systems are to be made we will then inform parents on the Friday, with implementation from the following Monday.

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.

Term 1

- Yr R will be starting on **Wednesday 9th September**. This will be from 9:00am-12:00 each day. The following week (starting Monday 14th September) will be 9:00am -12:00pm. The week after Monday 21st September will be 9:00–1:00pm (includes staying for lunch). Towards the end of the third week the class teacher will discuss with you how your child has settled in and if the parent and teacher feel the child is ready to start full time.
- In the morning please follow the one-way system round to the reception outside area. There will be staff to direct you. If you have an older sibling at Teynham, you may drop off your reception child at the same time as you would drop off the older sibling.
At 12:00 please go the white gates round by pre-school to pick up your child.

- **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-6 **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 14th September until Friday 18th 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.
- **Labelled lunchboxes 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 Thursday 7th September. If you pay for a meal, please pay online (a separate letter will be sent out regarding school meals as the provider has changed).
- **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, we will follow advice from Public Health England and inform parents immediately.

Term dates and staff development days have been finalised. They are:

Term 1

Staff development days Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September.

Children return to school Thursday 3rd September except new reception class.

Term 1 ends Friday 23rd October.

Term 2

Staff development day Monday 2nd November.

Children return to school Tuesday 3rd November.

Term 2 ends Friday 18th December.

Term 3

Children return to school Monday 4th January.

Term 3 ends Thursday 11th February.

Staff development day Friday 12th February.

Term 4

Children return to school Monday 22nd February.

Term 4 ends Thursday 1st April

Term 5

Children return to school Monday 19th April.

Term 5 ends Friday 28th May

Term 6

Children return to school Monday 7th June.

Term 6 ends Tuesday 20th July

Staff development day Wednesday 21st July

We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely, Mrs E Pearson