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Key Worker and Vulnerable Family Re-Opening Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we finalise our plans to re-open school in the safest way we can. I am pleased to be able to share with you some further details about how the school day will look for the children who are classed as key workers/vulnerable, as well as some whole school procedures. As we are continually risk assessing and receiving new guidance, please be aware that these plans may change in the future.

Start and End of School Day Procedures

Very importantly, for your children very little will change. Breakfast Club will still open at 8am and your children will be collected from the main office. I would ask that the same as the rest of the school that your children are dropped off and collected by ONE adult to reduce the number of parents on site and that all children come into school via the door into the small hall. This includes Key worker children who are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. As their year groups return they will join the other children in their year groups, but must still be dropped off at the small hall.

To ease the amount of parents in the school grounds all children must be in the small hall by 9am. Children will need to be collected by 3.20pm. You may collect your child earlier, please just come to the main office as is normal practice. **However, could you now please exit the school grounds via the car park.**

As you have been doing so we please ask parents not to congregate on the premises for longer than is absolutely necessary.

School will close for all pupils at lunchtime on Fridays to ensure we can deep clean the school and teachers can plan further activities.

This does not include the children of key workers as for these children school will remain open until 3.20pm.

We will be actively encouraging children to come to school on scooters and bikes, but obviously will be promoting social distancing protocols at bike racks.

Learning Environments

The children will be split into small groups across 2 or 3 classrooms depending on numbers. The groups will be split into Y2/3 and Y4/5. The rooms have been set up in the same way as all of the other classrooms following the 2m guidelines and we will actively encourage social



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distancing. We will however not be mixing the groups unless absolutely necessary. With the exception of the layout of the tables the classrooms will look very similar to how the children left them in March - we feel this is important for their mental wellbeing. However, certain resources which can't be easily cleaned or would usually be shared will be removed.

Curriculum

Mr. Taggart will be running the curriculum for the Key workers. He is already planning many exciting indoor and outdoor activities.

Playtimes and Lunchtimes

Key worker children will continue to access the outdoor environment. Each group will go outside onto the KS2 yard throughout the day.

At present we anticipate no changes to lunch times arrangements. One group will go into the dining hall to have lunch, then swap with the next group, after this they will go outside to play where they will be looked after by a lunchtime supervisor. If your child has been doing so they can continue to bring their own packed lunch into school. Packed lunch boxes must be kept in the classroom, taken to the dining hall and returned to the classroom after lunch. Children must not touch each other's packed lunch. However, please note that **there is no cost for school meals for the rest of this term.**

Limited Resources

To further minimise the risk of contamination, we ask parents to refrain from sending their child to school with any unnecessary equipment. All children will be given a pencil case with appropriate equipment.

Uniform

DFE guidelines state that clothes should be washed after each day at school. Therefore, although it is preferable children should wear uniform we appreciate that with daily washing this could be difficult to have uniform ready each day. Therefore, if uniform is not clean/dry children can wear their own clothes. Clothes however must be comfortable eg jogging pants and T-shirt. **Football Tops are not allowed and PE Kits are not required.**

Suncream

We have purchased spray sun-cream so the children can safely apply this themselves. Please inform us of any allergies.



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Children and staff who show symptoms

We hope that by keeping the children in smaller groups this will minimise the risk of the virus spreading. However, this can't be guaranteed. The following steps will be put in place:

- NO adult or child should come onto the school site if they, or someone within their household, is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or has been diagnosed. Pupils with symptoms must isolate for 7 days but may return to school after this if they are symptom free. If another member of the household is diagnosed/has symptoms, then the pupil must isolate for 14 days. This is in accordance with the Government advice. A negative test result means the child can return sooner.
- If a child becomes unwell at school, or displays symptoms, they will be removed from their group by an adult wearing PPE. They will be kept isolated until an adult collects them. It is expected they will be collected immediately and a test is arranged by parents. They will not be able to return to school for at least 7 days. A negative test result means the child can return sooner.

It has been nothing but a pleasure to look after your children over the last nine weeks and I hope we have helped in making your life a little bit easier. It is absolutely our intention to continue to do this. I'm sure that we can continue to work together and to look after our school community during this difficult time.

I know you will be understanding about the measures we have put in place and acknowledge these are not to cause inconvenience, but to help us continue to do the best for everyone. Please do not hesitate to contact school via telephone or email if you have any queries or concerns.

We look forward to welcoming more of our key worker children back!

Take care,

Mrs McBeth



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