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Dear Parents/Carers,

As I am sure you will be aware we have had to close a number of our school bubbles this week. This continues to be a very difficult situation, however not surprising as unfortunately South Tyneside continues to have the largest numbers of COVID cases in the country. Also I am sure you will be aware that new Government Guidance regarding COVID regulations has been released this week. However, as schools in South Tyneside do not complete their academic year until 23rd July we have been informed by Public Health that all COVID measures in schools must remain in place until the end of term. To clarify this means there will be no changes to the way school is run during the last week of term - children will remain in Bubbles and all contact tracing will continue. This does mean that **there will continue to be the possibility of Bubble closures and isolation**. As always I urge you not to send your child into school if they are displaying any COVID symptoms.

Looking ahead to September, I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of a few changes for the new academic year. Firstly, there will be some slight changes to the composition of the classes in September. As I am sure you are aware we do not have enough classrooms to facilitate two classes per year group throughout the school. Therefore over the last few years we have had three mixed Year 4/5 classes and previously to that Year 5/6 classes. For next academic year, due to the ever changing needs of the curriculum the class structure will be three Year 3/4 mixed classes. Please see below for next year's class structure:

Reception - 2 classes
Year 1 - 2 classes
Year 2 - 2 classes
Year 3/4 - 3 classes
Year 5 - 2 classes
Year 6 - 2 classes

All children who in September will be part of a mixed class will bring home further information tonight. As always if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch. For your information we have a transition session organised for 15th July during which all children will meet their new class teacher.

Also, from September another change will be the start and end of the school day. Obviously this year due to COVID regulations we have had a very staggered start and end to the school day. Although not always convenient it cannot be denied that this has helped with the congestion of traffic on Borough Road. Therefore, in September with this in mind, at the beginning of each school day we will now be operating a drop off system. School doors will be open from 8.45am to 9am. Parents will be able to escort their children onto the school grounds at anytime during that 15 minute interval, children will then enter the



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building immediately and go directly to their classrooms. Please note children must be in the class ready to start lessons at 9am. To clarify, the school day will begin at 9am.

Reception and Year 1 pupils will enter via the doors on their respective yards. Y2 pupils should enter through the small hall. Y3/4 pupils will use the door to the right of the large hall and Y5/6 pupils should use the door immediately inside the school yard, at the far right of the school near the car park. Staff will be supervising each of these doors to support pupils and they will be opened each morning promptly at 8.45am. Unless attending Breakfast Club, no children should be unaccompanied on the school premises before 8.45am. KS2 children will not be allowed in the school yard before the start of the school day. At the end of the day, again to ease congestion, there will be a slightly staggered finish to the school day. Reception and KS1 will finish at 3.10am and KS2 3.20pm

Start of day for all children	End of school day	
8.45am - 9am drop off period	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	3.10pm
	KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)	3.20pm

Children will be collected from the door in which they enter each morning.

Finally for your information, families entitled to benefit related free school meals will once again be in receipt of a FSM voucher for the summer holiday. This is valued at £12.50 per week which adds up to £75.00 for the six weeks. We will have them available for collection the last week of term and will text you when they are ready.

Free Food Friday will be available as usual on 16th July for **ALL** families. However, during the last week of term all food will be parcelled up and distributed to families. If you would require a food parcel please contact school or the Friends of Jarrow Cross. **Priority in this instance will be given to families who will not be in receipt of FSM vouchers over the holiday period.**

I hope you all have a good weekend and I am sure you will all be glued to your television on Sunday evening at 8pm! I know you will join with myself and the children when we say COME ON ENGLAND!

Kind regards,

Mrs McBeth
Head Teacher



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