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### Reception 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 in Reception, 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.

Unfortunately, at present, I am still unable to give to a specific date for when your child will be returning to school, but I can tell you the earliest possible date will be June 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Start and End of School Day Procedures

So we can reduce the number of people on site, we are staggering the start and end times for children across the school. **Additionally, school will close for all pupils [except key workers] at lunchtime on Fridays to ensure we can deep clean the school and teachers can plan further activities.**

I appreciate this may inconvenience some parents, but I hope you understand that at present this is necessary so we can minimise the risk to everyone.

Reception children must be dropped off and collected by ONE adult to reduce the number of parents on site. **They will use the door near the small hall opposite the Nurture Room- it will be clearly marked** Please follow social distancing protocol, if required to queue, by using the markings on the ground. After you have dropped your child, please use the signs to exit the yard safely. When collecting your child at hometime, please again ensure social distancing, and your child will be brought to you in the usual manner.

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

For children in Reception, drop offs have been staggered between **9am and 9.30am** and pick ups 3pm and 3:20pm entry is via the main gate Please see below for timings:

First letter of surname	Drop off time	Pick up time Monday- Thursday	Friday - pick up time
A-H	9am- 9:10	2:50pm	12:10
I-R	9:10-9:20	3pm	12:20
S-Z	9:20-9:30	3:10	12:30



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Please do not worry there will be signage and staff to point you in the right direction. Please note that if your child is upset at the doorway eg refusing to let go of yourself and enter school, due to the current climate we are unable to support as we would have done so in the past. If they refuse to come into school, it is with great regret that you will simply be asked to take them home.

### **Learning Environments**

The children in Reception will be split into small groups within the Early Years environment. Therefore, the children are in an area of school they are familiar with. Each group will be taught by a familiar adult and will be organised with friendship groups closely considered. The rooms have been set up to actively encourage social distancing and will look very similar to how the children left them in March - we feel this is important for their emotional and mental wellbeing. However, certain resources which can't be easily cleaned or would usually be shared will be removed.

### **Lessons**

The children in Reception will focus their learning on revising key Maths and English skills with a particular emphasis on phonics and reading. They will also enjoy creative lessons and there will be lots of time for discussions through PSHCE. We will also focus on their emotional and mental wellbeing. Children will access the outdoor environment as much as possible taking part in both physical and Forest School activities.

### **Playtimes and Lunchtimes**

Each group in Reception will continue to have their morning break. This will be staggered as each group will go outside separately onto the yard. In addition, as stated above there will be opportunities during the day for them to have additional playtimes and some learning activities will also take place outside.

All pupils will receive a school lunch as normal. The packed lunch will consist of a mixture of hot/cold food, such as sandwiches, pizza slices, sausage rolls, cake, yoghurts, fruit and juice. All children will eat their lunch in the classroom and will be looked after by a lunchtime supervisor. After lunch, each group will continue to get their time outside. Again this will be staggered. On Fridays, the children will have their lunch before being collected.

It is essential that every child has their own water bottle, every day. These must be taken home daily and cleaned.



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### 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 receive a pencil case in school. If your child has a school reading book they are finished with, then please return this to school on the first day.

### 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 and practical as children will be going outside eg jogging pants and T- shirt. **Football tops are not allowed and no PE Kit is required.**

### 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. Contact with staff

### Contact with staff

Unfortunately, at the moment we are unable to allow parents into school to meet with teachers, therefore if you wish to speak or send a message to staff please do so by either telephone or class dojo.



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### How parents can help us

We please ask parents not to congregate on the premises for longer than is absolutely necessary. Please also ensure all children are waiting with their adult and not playing together in groups. If you do not intend to send your child to school please let us know, as I have repeatedly stressed to yourselves this is your choice and each decision will be treat with respect and support, but it is important for our future planning we have been informed of your decision.

We are really looking forward to welcoming back our Reception children! We hope that we can continue to work together to look after our school community during this difficult time. We hope parents are 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 the whole school community. Please do not hesitate to contact school via telephone or email if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs McBeth



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