1st September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break and looking forward to returning to school.

Outlined below, are more details to assist with the return to school, including, start and finish times and entrances. Please note that attendance is statutory for all pupils from September.

As stated in the newsletter that was sent in July, the first two days of the school term are INSET days; Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020. There will then be a phased return to school to allow us to welcome the children back safely. Children will return on the following dates:

**Thursday 3rd September 2020** – Half of Reception class (parents will be contacted individually), Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

**Friday 4th September 2020 –** Half of Reception class (parents will be contacted individually), Year 1 and Year 4

**Week beginning 7th September 2020 –** Nursery (parents will be contacted individually)

Reception children will attend on **either** Thursday **or** Friday and then all children will join full-time as of Monday 7th September. Parents have been informed which day their child will attend via text message.

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| Year Group | Start Time | Finish Time | Gate |
| Nursery | 8:40 | 11:40 | EYFS gate |
| Reception | 9.05 | 15.20 | EYFS gate |
| Year 1 | 8.55 | 15.10 | EYFS gate |
| Year 2 | 8.45 | 15.00 | EYFS gate |
| Year 3 | 9.05 | 15.20 | Lower KS2 gate |
| Year 4 | 8.45 | 15.00 | Lower KS2 gate |
| Year 5 | 8:55 | 15.10 | Upper KS2 gate |
| Year 6 | 8.45 | 15.00 | Upper KS2 gate |

Children will be collected from the allocated gate by staff at the start of the school day and dismissed from there at the end of the day. All gates will be signposted and we ask that you remain 2 metres apart when waiting to drop off and collect your child. Where possible, would appreciate it if you could minimise the number of adults dropping off and collecting your children, this is to ensure that we can dismiss your children as safely and as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time. Please be reminded that parents will not be permitted onto the school premises.

**Breakfast Club**

Please be reminded that due to children staying within their year group ‘bubbles’ we cannot provide the breakfast club facility that we normally do. We will review all the procedures that are in place on a regular basis and will endeavour to bring back the breakfast club facility when safe to do so, however, at this stage, there will be no breakfast club during the autumn term. We realise that this facility is important to you so we appreciate your support during this difficult time. We will continue to update you throughout the autumn term regards any planned reopening of the breakfast club.

**Wellbeing**

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has brought many new and unexpected challenges to children’s mental health and wellbeing, in the current climate, it is more important than ever that we support children’s mental health. We will be ensuring that there are opportunities for children to share their feelings and concerns built into everyday practice. In order to address any learning that has been missed, we will use focused interventions to target children’s gaps taught from previous year groups.

In order to manage a safe reopening, there will also be other measures in place including staggered lunch and break times and additional hand washing. We ask that children only bring necessary items into school such as their lunchboxes.

We appreciate that this has been a very unusual and difficult time for everyone and recognise that children will not be used to school routines. We aim to make the transition back into school as smooth as possible for the children and welcome your support in this.

We will continue to follow government guidance, will review and alter our plans accordingly and will keep you updated with any changes.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs J Curry

Head of School