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Dear Parents,

Whole school reopening – September 2020

We are writing to parents of all children, to outline the strategies that we have put in place so that we are able to open school fully in September.

We have updated and attached a risk assessment which informs you about the whole school day. I would ask that you read this very carefully as it will help you understand the appropriate actions that we all need to make in order to maximise the safety of our children and staff. This plan is current as of the date of this letter but might be subject to change in the light of new government guidance. There will also be an updated video on the website to help our families understand and visualise the new school set up.

The children will remain in year group 'bubbles' and will be encouraged to social distance from their class teacher and other adults in school. In order to support our new Reception children, we have made the decision that the children will come into school in for either a morning or afternoon session. The children will not stay for a school meal during this first week. This will allow the children to become familiar with their new setting and the new systems that are in place. We will communicate directly with parents about which day this will be.

All children will be provided with their own labelled stationery pack and we ask that you provide a clearly named water bottle that will be returned home to clean daily. Children who bring their own packed lunch are asked to use plastic box or bag that can be easily wiped clean by staff on arrival at school. Please could PE kits, consisting of school t-shirt, black shorts, plain black jogging bottoms, indoor plimsolls and outdoor trainers be left in school for the half term period.

A one-way system is in operation in and around school and parents will be guided by members of staff during the first weeks. We ask that only one parent drops off/picks up to help up minimise the number of adults in the school grounds. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that social distancing rules are adhered to when entering and leaving the school premises. Full details are outlined on the current risk assessment attached to this letter.

We would politely request that parents communicate with school via telephone or email. We will not be able to speak to parents in person. However, brief messages can be left with the member of staff welcoming the children to school each morning.

Where possible, furniture in classrooms will be arranged in rows, facing forward to avoid face to face contact. We hope that this will give the children some time to understand that the school environment



will look very different to the school environment that they are used to and help them prepare for their return to school in September.

We fully appreciate that this is a very difficult time for us all, we have worked as a team to implement systems to maximise the health and safety of all our children and staff. We hope that the information that we have sent you answers any questions that you may have. However, if you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are all very excited to be welcoming back all of our pupils and their families. In the meantime, we wish you all a relaxing and healthy summer.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs CM Craig
Headteacher

Mr Mark Stephenson
Chair of Governors

