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Dear Parents / Carers

After our first couple of weeks back to school, we are very pleased that so far everything is running smoothly.

All year group leads have reported back that children have settled back into the school routines very well. They were also very impressed with the resilience that children have shown on their return to school. For us, it is fantastic to feel like we are getting back to normal with everyone returning safely.

EYFS have been on a 2 day bubble rota since the start of term. This has worked well to help the children to settle into the routines of the school. We will be very pleased to welcome EYFS children full time from Monday 28th September, the bubble times will be the same for the whole week as they have been for the part time timetable.

We are constantly reviewing the systems we have implemented and appreciate your feedback. Entry and exit expectations and the use of face coverings have been followed by the vast majority of parents, this helps us to maintain a safe site for all of our school community, and we thank you for this.

We have adjusted the break time options for classes, where teachers were feeling that the long afternoon was hard for the children, so some classes in KS2 are now having an afternoon break instead of a morning break. We have given all teachers the option of an early morning break rota if they felt children needed fresh air and a wiggle earlier than the original planned break. This has enabled staff to be flexible and do what works for their classes, while still staggering their breaks in their year group to keep bubbles separate.

We are currently discussing options for a parents evening phone call, we will be in touch with details once we have confirmed how this will work. We do envisage that we will use our booking system so that timings can be scheduled for a 10 minute appointment where requested. More information to follow.

We are reviewing our systems for lunchtime, with the consideration of how we reintroduce hot meals. At the moment all classes are eating in their classrooms, as you can imagine some get messier than others. For this reason and to help us to get back to our normal lunch offer, we are going to trial Year 1 eating their lunches in the small hall from next week. The children will take their packed lunches to the small hall and they will have an allocated seat at a table, the seats will all be forward facing and children will eat with their class bubble on their staggered lunch rota before going out to play. If this is successful, we will build on this over the coming weeks. At any time there will only be 2 classes (60 children) in the hall, seated in their class bubbles and socially distanced from the other class bubble. Each class bubble has their own lunchtime supervisor to support the children while they eat and then take them out to play. If this trial is successful we will be able to look at how we bring back the original lunch offer from Fresh Start with a hot meal option.

There are some things that happen routinely in our school that we are no longer able to do, we are amending our approaches where we can so that children continue to get the best educational experience that we can



offer. As I am sure you appreciate, with every change from the government we have to adapt our provision in school. Thank you for your continued support and understanding through this unprecedented time, together we can continue to keep our school community safe.

Yours Faithfully,



Anne Ansell
Head Teacher

