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Dear parents and carers,

Further to my letter of 7.7.20 I can now give you more information on how we will be implementing the DfE guidelines in order to welcome all children back to school in September.

You will have seen in the media that we are now able to have more children in our 'bubbles'. As we are a small school, with mixed age classes, we will have two main bubbles which will be R/KS1 and KS2. This will allow us to continue to teach some subjects in year groups, rather than classes, in order that all children are taught the appropriate curriculum and to maintain high quality teaching and learning. The two bubbles will not mix. Within bubbles, year groups that do not need to mix to facilitate year group teaching will be kept apart from one another. Where year groups from different classes come together for lessons then contact between children from the different classes will be kept to a minimum as far as practically possible.

We will continue to ask that staff/children do not come into school if they have Covid 19 symptoms, have tested positive within the last 7 days or if they are self-isolating due to a family member or a close contact having symptoms. Staff and children in school who show symptoms will be sent home and asked to have a test. We will comply with the requirements of the national track & trace programme which may mean that if anyone in school tests positive then staff/children who have had close contact with them will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

Staff/children will be required to wash their hands on entering school and frequently throughout the day as well as practise good respiratory hygiene (use of tissues etc.). Resources will be cleaned more frequently or left for up to 72 hours if being used by different groups. There will be an enhanced cleaning schedule in place to include frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, desk/table tops, sports equipment, teaching & learning aids, toilets, toys, ICT equipment.

We cannot safely fit either of our bubbles into the dining hall at one time so some children will eat lunch in their classroom under the supervision of our mid-day supervisors. We will ensure that good hygiene practices are followed e.g. cleaning of desks before and after eating. The meals provided by the kitchen during the first few weeks will be a hot 'grab bag' - we will put a sample menu on the website. We hope to be able to increase the choice of food on offer once we are settled back into school. Children in R and KS1 will continue to be eligible for a universal free school meal. Those children whose parents are eligible for statutory free school meals will also be provided with lunch free of charge.

Sunshine Club will be available to provide before and after school care. Children will remain in their class groups as far as possible and shared resources will be frequently cleaned.

We will be putting measures in place to ease congestion on the playground and in the school corridors when children are being dropped off & collected from school. I will write to you again towards the end of the summer holidays to give more detail regarding this and further guidance regarding book bags, P.E kits, water bottles etc.

School swimming will not start until after the October half term break, at the earliest.

I appreciate that some of you may have questions that I have not yet answered as it is not possible to condense all the guidelines into one letter. If this is the case then please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes
Maggie