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Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. Though some things are different in school this year we are trying to keep things as normal as possible so the children have familiarity and consistency. It has been lovely having all of our children back in school and we are looking forward to a great year. Our reopening to all children has been very smooth and our attendance is excellent so we thank you for your support with this.

Keeping Us All Safe

Thank you so much for supporting us by following the information in the reopening plan. Please continue to:

- Drop off and pick up at the allocated time from the allocated entrance. Please try to avoid being too early or late as this creates congestion and makes social distancing harder.
- Do not attend the site if you or anyone in your family is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Follow the one way system if you use the Kilnwell Road entrance.
- Socially distance when on site from other parents, staff and other people's children.
- Once your child is in a line with their teacher you can leave; this reduces the amount of people on our site at any one time.

If staff ask you to socially distance on site or follow a particular route please don't be offended! It is to keep our whole school community safer.

COVID19 Tests

If your child presents with any of the COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, new persistent cough or loss of sense of smell or taste) please keep them and any siblings off school and arrange a test and self-isolate until the results are received. We have been asked to communicate to you that only the person showing symptoms needs to be tested. This is to ensure that the testing capacity is not overwhelmed.

School Events

For obvious reasons there will be a number of things we do not do in school in the near future. These include

- Class Collective Worship
- Plays/Performances to Parents
- Church Services
- Whole School Assemblies
- After School Clubs
- Swimming

As soon as we are able to reinstate these events safely we will do.

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Curriculum

We have amended our curriculum to put an emphasis on wellbeing following the pandemic lockdown and focussing on key learning that was not delivered due to the school closure. Children still have access to a broad and balanced curriculum and any subjects that we do not teach this term will be caught up later in the year. We will keep reviewing our curriculum and as soon as we can revert to the curriculum we had pre-COVID-19 we will. More information about the children's learning this term will follow in their curriculum newsletters.

Safeguarding

Our school takes safeguarding of all children very seriously. If you have any concerns about the safety of any children in our school please contact one of our DSLs, Andrew Smith or Nichola Allerston. [Our Federation Safeguarding policy can be found following this link on our school website.](#)

Parent Support Advisor

We have our own in house Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Nicky Chaplin. She is able to support with a wide variety of parenting issues. If you have any issues that you would like to discuss with Mrs Chaplin, please contact her on 07542 937857. She is available on Monday and Tuesday each week.

Packed Lunches

If your child has packed lunches please make sure you follow the [packed lunch policy](#) which has been written with pupil health and wellbeing in mind. Children are only allowed water in school (no juice, squash or fizzy drinks please), and as always, nuts are not allowed in school due to allergies.

Food Orders

Please remember to order your hot meal from the school kitchen via Wisepay by the preceding Monday each week. If you have any issues with Wisepay or if you don't have access to the internet please speak to the office staff who will be happy to help you.

Parents' Evenings

Clearly we will not be able to hold our parents' evenings in the usual manner this term, however this communication early in the school year, is very important. Therefore we will be writing to you to arrange telephone consultations during the week beginning 28/9/20. If you have any queries before this, please e-mail your child's teacher (all e-mail addresses are on the school website) or call the main office to arrange a call back.

Meeting for Prospective Reception Parents 2020

We will be holding "COVID Secure" tours of the school in the evenings of the week beginning 12th October 2020.

To ensure the tour is safe we will:

- Clean the whole school before the tours start
- Only take around one family at a time (Maximum of 5 in a group)
- Ask all participants of the tour to sanitise their hands before and after the visit
- Stagger the tours so family groups do not mix with each other
- Ask the members of the tour to avoid touching surfaces wherever possible
- Clean the tour areas before the school opens for pupils the next day

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If you have a child that is due to start in school in September 2021, please contact the main office to make an appointment to view the school.

We hope that your child has a happy and successful term here with us. If you have any queries or concerns please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Smith

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