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Dear Parents/Carers

A Gradual Return To Normality

Thank you for all of the support you have given us over the last year; it has been very much appreciated. Whilst the global pandemic has created many challenges and difficulties in school, there have been many positive outcomes. Some of these include, how amazingly the entire Market Rasen Community has pulled together and the resilience shown by staff and children alike. We have also found new ways of working, some of which will benefit us once the pandemic is long forgotten.

We are working hard to get things as close to normal as possible, continue reading to find out how we intend to do this.

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see the vast majority of our children in full school uniform when it is not their PE day. We would like all children to wear full school uniform, including black school shoes. To this end, we will start to uphold our school uniform policy as it gives children an identity and belonging to our school. If your child is not able to wear full school uniform due to financial reasons please get in touch, we will be able to help you.

Attendance

Attendance at school is good and is above pre pandemic levels for the time of year. Thank you for your support with this. Remember to call the office if your child is not going to be in and please keep your child off if they show any COVID19 symptoms and arrange a test.

PE Kits

One of the unintended outcomes of the pandemic is that we realise how much better it is for children to come to school in their PE kits on PE days, we intend to continue this permanently. From September we are going to ask all children to come into school with a dark blue tracksuit (or dark blue jogging bottoms and sweatshirt top) for PE, please bear this in mind when you start shopping for next year's uniform. We are liaising with the uniform shop at De Aston to stock suitable clothing, however you can also pick these items up at a low cost from supermarkets and other clothing retailers like Primark, Matalan etc.

Clubs

We know how important extracurricular clubs are to the wider education of our children and how many children have missed not being able to take part.

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From Term 5 we will be opening “Bubble Clubs” run by their class teacher. Children in Years 1 – 6 will be able to access their club in their own class bubble. This will enable us to restart clubs in a safe way.

The dates are as follows:

Term 5	Term 6
w/b 26 th April	w/b 7 th June
w/b 3 rd May	w/b 14 th June
w/b 10 th May	w/b 21 st June
w/b 17 th May	w/b 28 th June
w/b 24 th May	w/b 5 th July

The club timetable is listed below:

Class	Club	Day	Club day Pick Up Time
Martins	Tennis Multi Sports	Friday	4.15
Merlins	Kick Rounders	Tuesday	4.05
Robins	Multi Skills	Tuesday	3.55
Kestrels	Multi Skills	Monday	4.05
Falcons	Boules	Thursday	3.55
Harriers	Archery	Tuesday	4.15
Ospreys	Cricket	Friday	4.05
Kites	Rounders	Thursday	4.15
Eagles	Team Building / Problem Solving	Monday	3.55

To sign your child up for this club simply complete the FORM below. Usually we have a £1.25 per week charge for clubs, however for the summer term 2020/21 we are going to make this charge voluntary. We do not want any children not attending the club for financial reasons, however if you can pay we would be very grateful.

[FORM to Reserve a place at the Bubble Club](#)

[Link To WisePay to Pay the Club Charge](#)

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Swimming

We are awaiting guidance from the Lincolnshire Health Protection Team to give us the all clear to resume swimming lessons. As soon as we are able to we will restart this really important aspect of your child's education.

Homework

We will resume homework after the Easter holidays. Following the outcomes of a parental consultation we did pre-pandemic we are running a pilot strategy for homework. The aims of the new strategy focus on the basics children need to succeed academically; specifically reading, phonics/spelling and mental fluency. We are also hoping that this will support families with busy lives who struggle to get homework done. We will seek your views on the new homework arrangement in the summer term.

Visits and Residential

At present we are not allowed to take children on educational or residential visits however we have plans to restart these as soon as the guidance allows. We are currently trying to organise the Years 5 & 6 residential (for children who are currently in Years 4 & 5) however there are issues to overcome regarding insurance before we can confirm. [If you have a child in Years 4 or 5 please complete this FORM if you have not yet done so.](#)

We have had some Year 6 parents ask us if their child will be able to go on a residential trip this year. Sadly it is highly unlikely as these events are usually booked two years in advance. If circumstances allow we will try to do something for our Year 6 children however we cannot make any promises at this point.

Parents Evening

As you will have noticed we were not able to hold our Term 3 parents evening. We intend to hold these in Term 5 either over the phone or via video conferencing. More details will come out in Term 5.

As you can see we are working hard to make school as normal as possible and give children the widest opportunity and experiences possible. Thanks once again for your support as we return to normal.

Finally, whilst we are very much looking towards a return to normal, infection rates in our area are still much higher than the national average and we all have our part to play to get this down. Please help us by continuing to follow our many systems of control which will keep our whole school community safer.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Smith

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