



Dear Parents and Carers,

15th July 2020

Preparing for September 2020

I wanted to update you on our planning for the full re-opening of the school next term. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 7th September 2020 and we're working hard to make the school a safe, enjoyable environment. We believe that returning to school is vital for all children's education, mental health and wellbeing. Therefore, we are currently implementing a system of controls outlined by the Department of Education to reduce the risk of transmission of the coronavirus.

When your children come into school, we will have the following protective measures in place:

- Reduced contact and maximising distance between classes
- A requirement that ill people stay at home
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Active engagement with NHS Track and Trace

We have considered the following to reduce the amount of contact across school:

- Grouping children together in their normal classes
- Avoiding contact between groups
- Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks
- Staff maintaining distance from children and other staff as much as possible
- Avoiding large gatherings but utilising technology instead
- Utilising classrooms to avoid contact between groups during lunchtimes
- Staggering drop off and pick up times
- Separating play areas for different classes

Please find enclosed an Information Sheet and the menu for the Autumn Term. We hope they will provide you with all the information you need about returning to school safely in September.

We understand that communication between school and parents/carers is vital. We appreciate we are unable to have the open dialogue we normally enjoy as you will not be allowed on the school site without an appointment. However, we will always endeavour to respond quickly to any form of communication and, if you do have a concern, please do share it with us.

We have really missed everyone and we look forward to seeing everyone back in September. In the meantime, we hope you have a lovely summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Nicholls
Head of School

Attachments: Information Sheet, Map and Lunch Menu



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