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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a full Governing Body meeting yesterday I am now in a position to write to you to share arrangements for the new academic year.

I confirm that in producing these plans (Plan A) for September we are following the published guidance for schools from the Government and DFE.

The guidance leads us towards operating in school without social distancing and bubbles and a return towards schools working as we did pre March 2020. However as the virus is still with us and due to the current Covid 19 situation and the predicted rise in positive cases in the autumn term, we are expecting risks from September in school to be potentially raised. As we have done since March 2020, we will proceed into the new academic year with caution to lower and control the risks where we can. However risks will still remain and cannot be eliminated.

Parents need to be aware that although as a school we are rolling out a Plan A (detailed below) for the new academic year, the school may amend the plans and revert back to our current arrangements (Plan B: bubbles, social distancing and staggered times) at any point and changes may be implemented with immediate effect if the school feels the safety of the children or staff and the safe running of the school is severely compromised.

PLAN A

Start and finish times

Start of the school day:

All children will start to enter school at 8.45 for 8.55 registration.

Close of the school day:

Reception and Year 1 – 3.15pm

Yr2, Yr3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr 6 – 3.30pm

For families with more than one child in school, children will exit with the eldest sibling. (Reception children only when settled into school after their induction period, until then they should be collected at 3.15pm).



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Entry & Exit Points **Start of the school day**

Reception children - Main gate at the front of school.

We ask children and adults to line up in the passage way and the Class Teacher will collect the children from the front gate.

Yr1 & Yr2 children – Rear Hall Door

We ask children and adults to line up to the right of the hall ramp along the front wall of the hall. Both classes can line up together and will be brought into school at the same time by staff.

Yr3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr6 – Junior Playground.

We ask that Yr3 & Yr4 children queue to the right of the large double gates along the front of the playground and will be directed into school by staff.

We ask that Yr5 & Yr6 children queue to the right of a new Upper Key Stage 2 gate at the side of the playground by the social club lounge. Children will be directed into school by staff.

KS2 siblings can enter by the same gate if they wish.

End of the school day

Reception

We ask adults collecting children to queue at the passage leading up to the main gate, the children will be released by the staff as adults reach the front of the queue at the main front gate.

Yr1 & Yr2

We ask adults collecting children to queue to the right of the hall ramp and the staff will release the children to adults when they reach the front of the queue. As Yr1 will be exiting earlier, we ask that Y2 parents allow Yr1 adults to line up first.

Yr3 & Yr4

We ask adults collecting children to queue to the right of the large playground gates and children will be released to parents as they reach the front of the queue. As both classes are exiting at the same time parents from both classes can queue together.



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Yr5

We ask adults collecting children to queue to the right of a new Yr5 gate opposite the side of the social club. Children will be released as adults reach the top of the queue.

Yr6

We ask that adults collecting children queue to the right of a new Yr6 gate opposite the social club lounge. Children will be released as adults reach the top of the queue.

Siblings will exit together from the exit point of the oldest child.

Staff will concentrate on the safe hand over of children to adults as they reach the front of the queue. When children have been released to adults in the queues, children will be released to adults who have chosen not to join the queue.

Any Junior children walking home without an adult will be released after all children being collected by an adult have been released.

The school day will officially close at 3.30pm. Y2 to Y6 children may start to exit from 3.25pm to allow time for the safe hand over of children to adults and for staff to return to classes at 3.30pm to sanitise tables and their work space.

Early Door Club - Reading & Number Club

The school plans to restart this club for parents who require this service, the second week of the term. Week beginning Monday 13 September 2021.

There will be a charge for this provision and children will need to be booked in in advance. The club will run from 8am to the start of the school day 8.45. There is a charge of £3.00 per child per day for this service.

No children will be admitted to the club after 8.20am

After School Provision

The school plans to restart after school clubs the third week back of the first half term. Clubs will run from 3.30 to 4.15pm. Children will be brought to designated exit points by staff for collection.



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Lunch arrangements

Lunch arrangements will start in the classrooms with a transition into the school hall for hot dinners as the autumn term progresses. Lunch times will revert back to 45minutes for KS2 and be shortened from 1hr to 45minutes for KS1.

Break times

KS1 will have a timetabled morning and afternoon break.

KS2 will have a timetabled morning break and will work through the afternoon without an official timetabled afternoon break, but at the discretion of the Class Teacher as they see required, may have a class comfort or brain break during the afternoon.

PE arrangements

Children will continue to come to school in their PE uniforms from September, on their designated PE days. PE days will start the second week of the term, week beginning 13 September.

Communications

We will still be asking that visits to school are restricted to essential only and communication is remote where possible. Visitors to the school are politely requested to wear a face covering.

We will be retaining the Teacher email communication contacts for parents that we set up in March 2020 as these have proved most useful.

Messages can also be passed to an adult at entry points and exit points and Teachers may be available for brief conversations with parents at exit points once children have all been safely released.

A box will remain outside the main reception area to drop and collect items and will be monitored by the office staff.

Homework

Homework will continue to be posted on Google Classrooms and we will look towards a mix of online work and work recorded in homework books.

I hope you find the details of our Plan A for September useful and hope it helps you to join with



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me in looking forward to the new school year with hope for a return towards school life as we knew it. Although we move towards a new way of living with the virus and we remain aware of the difficulties and hardship that may still lie ahead, please remember whatever the circumstance we find ourselves in, we will always remain committed to our mission to offer excellence in education for our children and the very best provision that we can.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the disruption of the last two academic years and trust we can continue to work together in the same positive spirit as we have done since we entered these most trying and testing times back in March 2020.

I thank you and pass to you my very best wishes for a happy and healthy summer.

Together we now look forward to a new and exciting academic year.

Yours sincerely,

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