

26<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all managed to have a safe and healthy summer. Before the break, the government announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. The reasons for this are:

- The prevalence of coronavirus decreasing
- The new NHS test and trace system being in place
- More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools
- Time out of school being detrimental to children's development
- The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus

We are looking forward to welcoming our children back to school from the 7<sup>th</sup> September and have worked hard to complete risk assessments to enable the safe return of our school community. This letter outlines key information about measures that will be in place and procedures that you will be asked to follow.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY:**

**Attendance**

**Attendance will be mandatory in September**, as the government expects all pupils to attend school. The usual rules will apply, meaning we will be recording attendance and following up on any absences.

Shielding guidance was lifted by the government on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Therefore, all children are expected to return to school even if they were previously shielding.

**Safety Measures and Procedures**

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

- Staggered start and finish times for each year group and separate entrance and exits. Children will arrive and depart school as follows:

**FRONT GATE - STAINBY ROAD ENTRANCE**

Year group	Start time	Finish time
Reception	8.55am	3.30pm
Year 1	9.00am	3.30pm
Year 2	8.45am	3.15pm

**BACK GATE - HIGH CROSS ROAD ENTRANCE**

Year group	Start time	Finish time
Year 3	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 6	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 4	9.00am	3.30pm
Year 5	9.00am	3.30pm

Please note that information for Nursery will be sent separately.

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- Parents will be expected to drop off and collect children promptly using the allocated gates only – please do not congregate in the playground and maintain social distance from others at all times
- Parents will not be allowed to enter the school building unless they have a pre-booked appointment
- **Travelling to school** - we encourage you to walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible
- **School Uniform** - all pupils will be required to wear their full school uniform from the beginning of the Autumn Term 2020.
- **P.E.** will take place outdoors whenever possible. On PE days, children should wear **black tracksuit bottoms, shorts or leggings and black trainers or plimsolls** to school. Please note that children **will not** be able to change at school. Reminders will be sent of PE days for each class
- **Classrooms** – classroom layouts have been adapted in order to help maintain distance between pupils.
- **Equipment** - we will be restricting the items that pupils can bring to school to those that are essential only. Each child will be allowed to bring in their book bag and a water bottle – please ensure they are clearly labelled with their name. **No other equipment or personal belongs are allowed.**
- **Bubbles** - pupils will remain in their class groups for learning and year group bubbles for playtimes and lunchtimes.
- **Lunchtimes** – the children will remain in their year group bubbles for lunch in the school hall (staggered times). If your child usually has a school meal, this will be provided as normal and eaten alongside classmates who bring in a packed lunch.
- **Hygiene** – all staff and pupils will wash their hands regularly throughout the day (on arrival, after play, before and after lunch). The class teachers will speak to the children at the beginning about the rules on hygiene including ‘Catch it, Bin it, Kill it’. Sanitising stations are also available around the school – there is no need to send in hand gel with your child
- **Cleaning** – a thorough cleaning schedule is in place. An additional cleaner is available on site during the day.
- **School Trips** – we will not be undertaking any school trips that involve public transport during the Autumn Term. Any local trips will only go ahead following a thorough educational visit risk assessment.
- **After-school Clubs** - we will not be running any after-school enrichment clubs during the Autumn Term.
- **Breakfast Club and After School Club** will not run until further notice. We are currently making plans to reopen these services as soon as we can do so safely. However, Magic Breakfast will continue to be provided in classrooms when children arrive in the morning

### **Curriculum and Pastoral Support**

We will be offering a full balanced curriculum when the children return. Teachers will plan for all subjects although there may be some changes to timings due to staggered playtimes/lunchtimes.

We will also begin the term by focusing on any issues arising from lockdown that may have affected the mental health and wellbeing of our children, staff and parents. Please let us know if you think you or your child/ren might need extra support when returning to school, such as if they feel anxious about coming back or they are experiencing bereavement.

We are extremely grateful for all the support we have received so far from our school community. It has been very challenging planning for the beginning of the school year this time round and I thank you for your patience and understanding. There will more information coming to you over the next week. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Ms P Duggal**  
**Headteacher**