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Letter to parents about September 2020.

Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to explain the plan school has for readmitting everyone back to school in September. The guidelines school has been issued with mean that we can welcome everybody back. It won't be exactly as it was, but it will be as close as we can possibly manage whilst keeping everyone safe. I have set out the plan in bullet points below; if anyone want to talk about any aspect of the proposal then please don't hesitate to contact me at school before the summer holiday or in September.

- Wednesday September 2nd Years 1-6 return to school. Attendance is mandatory.
- Monday September 14th Reception start at school.
- Wednesday November 4th Nursery start at school.
- Years 1-4 arrive/depart school through the normal playground gates.
- Years 5 and 6 will arrive/depart school through the main entrance (up the school drive).
- Nursery/Reception will arrive and leave through their usual gate when they come to school later in the term.
- The children will be kept in their year group bubbles throughout the day, playing and socialising with their own year group only.
- Hand sanitisers will be placed at all entrances and the children will be asked to use them each time they come into school.
- The timings of the school day will remain the same- except for Reception/Nursery who will depart at 2.50pm.
- The car park in front of Y6 classrooms will become a new playground. New toilets will be situated on the playground at the rear of school.
- School dinners will resume as normal from September 2nd.
- If a child presents with symptoms he or she will be "isolated" cared for and their parents sent for. They will then need to be tested; two positive tests in a year group will mean that year group (staff and children) self-isolating for 14 days.



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Throughout the day, the intention is to keep children in their year group bubbles. Playtime and dinnertime will be in year groups on the separate playgrounds. Having different playgrounds will enable us not to have to really change the timings of the school day. Certain things will make school look and feel slightly different however; **it is crucial the children return to school and that school gets as near to normal as possible.**

It will be important that all of us support one another in September. Please make sure school has your correct details, please do not send someone into school who is poorly and please bear with us as we try to get things back to normal. Mrs Logue, Ms Rathbone and myself will be on the separate gates every day to help, reassure and look after the children. Some may be anxious about September, please can I ask you to reassure your child/children that school will be as normal as it possibly can be and with everyone's help and support, we can do our utmost to keep everyone safe and back learning in school.

Many thanks for your understanding and patience with all of these matters.

Take care and stay safe.

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