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Dear Parents and Carers

School opening September 2020

I write to you ahead of school reopening in September. At this time, we are ensuring all necessary plans are in place to include more students safely in school. As you will appreciate from previous communication there will inevitably be a number of measures in place which will need to be communicated with and followed by your child. The school experience for everyone will be very different and below I will outline how the school will look and feel. Please note that some of this information is subject to change dependent on how situation changes locally and/or nationally over the six weeks holidays. Please ensure you keep an eye on your emails throughout the holidays as I will continue to share updated information.

Classroom Organisation

Pupils will be grouped in their class groups and together they will form a bubble. Unlike normal arrangements pupils will not mix with those from other class groups or 'bubbles' for the foreseeable future. Pupils will have a designated number of staff members who will support and work with them daily. Each bubble has an allocated classroom and additional break out space essential for supporting pupils' individual special educational needs. Classrooms are arranged so all children sit facing the front. You will receive further information regarding classroom organisation and staffing distribution in 'Welcome Back to School' pack.

Breaktime

Each bubble will continue to have allocated breaktimes. These are planned so they will be taken separately to other bubbles.

Lunchtime

Children will eat their lunch within their classroom. Hot meals will only be provided for those pupils in receipt of free school meals. All other pupils should bring a packed lunch to school.

Protect our school community: At this time all children, parents, carers and any visitors, such as suppliers, must not to enter the school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus.

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Hygiene

A number of new posters will be displayed in each room reminding all pupils of good hygiene standards and the need to physically distance from others outside of their bubble. Soap and hand gel will be available in every classroom or at every wash station. Pupils will be reminded, and expected to, wash their hands before and after each breaktime, before and after lunch, when they arrive in school and before they leave at the end of the day.

Arrival and departure from school

Ahead of next academic year I will be liaising closely with Transport Connect regarding arrangements for September opening. Where possible, I will be asking all parents and carers to transport their child to and from school. I feel this is the safest thing to do as we cannot guarantee that pupils will be transported within their allocated bubble and this is also suggested within government guidance.

In the coming days you will receive a text message from the school with a link to an online survey for completion. If you are able to transport your own child to school please do make us aware.

Each child will have an allocated time for arrival and departure. For the small number of pupils who walk to school you will be allocated a time of arrival. Please do not arrive before the allocated time. There will also be a clearly marked space where you should wait until school opens. You must remain within your vehicle until instructed to leave by a member of staff.

Uniform

We kindly ask that pupils wear clean uniform each day that they attend school and recommend that change out of their clothes as soon as they arrive home. Please remember that branded uniform will soon be available again through our new supplier. Until then you should purchase appropriate coloured uniform items from your local supermarket. (Navy jumper, blue or white polo and grey or black trousers/skirt/shorts).

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Pupils who display Coronavirus symptoms.

If a child or family member is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus they **should not attend school** and isolate for the recommended period as per government guidance.

Should a pupil develop symptoms whilst at school they will be isolated from others and parents/cares will be informed. You will be asked to collect your child and advised to obtain a test. Parents and carers of other pupils in that bubble will be informed that a child within that bubble has shown signs of coronavirus.

Should any pupil or adult in school test positive for coronavirus I will liaise closely with the Academy Trust who will advise the school on the steps we need to take.

Bespoke Arrangements

Given the amount of time some pupils have spent away from school we appreciate the transition back into school may be challenging. I have been liaising closely with the pastoral team in school to discuss those pupils who may require additional support and bespoke arrangements in September. A member of staff may contact you regarding this by Wednesday 15th of September. If school have not contacted you by this date and you feel some form of bespoke arrangements will benefit your child please do contact the school.

I understand the following above measures will significantly impact the usual school day for your child but the following is important to keep all members of our school community safe. It is important your child understands these new expectations prior to attending school in September. We will work closely with them over the first few days to help them adapt to and understand their new routines.

Please feel free to contact the school should you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

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