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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have enjoyed a wonderful and restful summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our children back into school on Monday, we can't wait to hear all about their break.

Welcome to our new staff

It is with great pleasure that we welcome two excellent and highly skilled teachers to our teaching team. Mrs. Sharpe teacher of Swans and Mrs. Tompkins teacher of Kingfishers. Both teachers have extensive experience of leading and managing Early Years, and have worked hard over the summer to develop the Reception classrooms. Please do come and introduce yourself and say hello, they are very friendly and can't wait to meet their new classes in person.

We are also fortunate enough to have appointed four new Teaching Assistants, Mrs Hydes, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Slowey and Mrs Millard. They all enjoyed their first day yesterday as they joined us for teacher training day and are very much looking forward to meeting children on Monday.

School environment updates

Over the summer holidays we have continued to work hard to develop our school environment.

- Reception and Toucans classrooms have now also been painted, - only 3 more classes to go!
- The new tables and chairs have arrived and are in place.
- The new WIFI internet infrastructure has been completed.
- The very exciting new clever touch whiteboards are installed (with thanks to Partnership Ed), and are up and running.

A huge thank you goes to Mr. Dudley who has continued to work ever so hard to improve our lovely school for our wonderful children – thank you Nathan!

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Start and end of day arrangements from September 2021

- There will be no staggered starts and finishes.
- School doors open at 8:50 for a 9:00 start.
- The register is taken promptly at 9:00 am, marking the official start of the school day.
- School ends at:
 - 15:15 for Reception
 - 15:20 for Year 1 and Year 2
 - 15:25 for Year 3 and Year 4
- Nursery Sessions are 8.30-11.30 for AM only children, Lunch Club is 11.30-12.30, and PM only children will join us from 12.30-3.30 (all day children will be with us from 8.30-3.30).

Covid-19 and returning to normal

We have updated our risk assessment to consider the lifting of restrictions that have occurred over the summer. It is no longer recommended that it is necessary to keep children in bubbles and fortunately we no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch.

Education settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing and face coverings are no longer advised in the guidance for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in shared areas. This will be reflected in our practices in school this term. We also look forward to more extra-curricular activities returning.

We do, however, have an outbreak management plan to cover the possibility that in some local areas it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period to reduce mixing between groups.

In order to maintain maximum safety, whilst "normal" practices return we will continue to:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes (for us, this will include keeping the additional cleaning routines we introduced during the pandemic)
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

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The following control measures below either remain in place or have now been removed.

| Control Measure | September 2021 |
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| Face coverings | Not required in any part of the school |
| Social distancing | No longer needed |
| Ventilation | Continues in place |
| Increased daily cleaning | Continues in place for the Autumn term |
| Catch it. Kill it. Bin it. | Continues in place |
| Handwashing | Continues in place |
| Staff LFD testing | Continues twice weekly |
| Staggered starts and finishes | Return to pre-covid arrangements |
| Bubbles | Removed, return to being able to mix |
| Playground zones | Removed, return to being able to mix |
| Collective Worship | Return to whole school collective worship in the hall |
| Staggered lunches | Removed, return to being able to mix. |
| Year group email addresses | Continues in place as parents tell us that they value this |
| Educational visits | Can go ahead |
| Visitors | Return to allowing DBS parent helpers in school |
| Extra-curricular clubs | Return to being widely available |

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Medication:

Please return any necessary medication to the office on Monday and complete a new consent form.

PE ready days:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Year 4 | Year 3 | Year 3 | Year 1 | |
| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 2 | | |

Year 4 will have a second PE ready day (Friday) after October half term when they have finished swimming. Reception and Nursery will be advised in due course, initially they will not require PE Kits.

Moving around the school site

| Year | Come In | Released From |
|--------------|------------------|---|
| Nursery (AM) | Nursery Gate | Nursery Gate |
| Nursery (PM) | Nursery Gate | Nursery Side Gate (accessed via the front playground) |
| Reception | Reception Gates | Reception Gates |
| Year 1 | Classroom Canopy | Reception Gates |
| Year 2 | Classroom Canopy | Green Door |
| Year 3 | Classroom Doors | Classroom Doors |
| Year 4 | Hall Door | Hall Door |

In the mornings as Year 1 & 2 will be accessing their classrooms via the canopies, we ask that parents do not use them to go between the front and back of school. If you need to drop children at both sides of school, please drop the children at the Manor Road end of the canopies and staff will be on hand to check that the older children reach their entrance points. The canopies can be used at pick up times to move around school. Please could we ask that children do not play on the Trim Trail.

Your sincerely,

Colette Lamb
Headteacher

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