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Dear Parents/Carers

As a staff team we are so excited to finally welcome our wonderful pupils back. We have missed them! I hope the phone call from your child's class team was helpful earlier today.

I wrote at the end of the term with information about when each group will be returning as we are doing a staggered start. I am sharing this again as some parents did not access the original letter.

- Wednesday 2nd - Mrs Sample (Y7), Mrs Bishop (Y7), Mrs Storey (Y7), and Mrs Patterson (Lodge provision).
- Thursday 3rd – Miss Mallaby, Miss McCulloch, Miss Kidd and Y9 from Miss Walton.
- Friday 4th – Y10 from Miss Walton, Mrs Farnie, Mrs Burn and Mr Knight.

Our Risk Assessment for the return to school is now live on our website. This is a working document and subject to change.

In my previous letter, I also wrote to let you know what we have done to mitigate as many risks as possible. Measures in place include:

- A one-way system in operation
- Class bubbles to restrict mixing with other pupils inside the building
- Break time bubbles where pupils will get to mix with pupils from other classes (we thought socially distanced time with other pupils was vitally important to develop social and emotional wellbeing)
- Pupils have been allocated a door that will be their entrance and exit depending on which class they are in to reduce traffic in a single area
- Lunch will be eaten in classrooms in their bubble
- Staggered break and lunch times so that pupils can access all areas of the field and yard within their break time bubble.
- 'Grab bags' for lunch the first 3 weeks until we reassess what we are able to do on a larger scale
- Hand sanitisers in several places outside
- Increased cleaning in school throughout the day
- Set minimum times for hand washing built into school day
- Snuffle stations in every classroom
- Assembly via Google Meets

Mobile phone protocol

ALL pupils must hand in their mobiles. The pupil will place their phone in a clear plastic bag (provided by school) that is clearly labelled. These will then be collected by staff and stored in a safe place until the end of the day.

If a pupil refuses to hand in their phone, we will call home so you can come and collect it. Mobile phone use in school is not permitted for safeguarding reasons.

Pupil Items

Every child has their own box with all they need to use throughout the day. Pupils will not be sharing resources with others.

If your child brings a packed lunch they will store their bag under their desk.

Face Coverings

We have mitigated as many risks as possible, (as outlined in the school Risk Assessment), and are fortunate to have small classes so that we can adhere to social distancing. However, if your child would like to wear a mask, then we are happy for them to do so. Staff teams will ensure they know how to put it on properly and how to store it correctly.

If you have any concerns about the return to school, do not hesitate to get in touch.

I can't wait to see all of the pupils again this week.

Your sincerely



Andrea Mead
Headteacher