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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to let you know about our plans for a full return to school in September. Currently we are excitedly planning for this and can't wait to see all of our lovely pupils again. During the holiday we are getting a new porta cabin sited in our car park. This will have 2 new additional learning spaces.

Whilst we are planning for a return for all pupils, school is still a very different place. Our draft Risk Assessment (which is a working document) will be put on the School Website once we have received further updates from the Local Authority. 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

As a school, the majority of our pupils are on school transport so we do not feel it is necessary to stagger the drop off or pick up times as this is managed very carefully by Hillcrest staff. In the morning staff will meet your child off school transport. They will not be permitted to alight the vehicle until a staff member is present. They will then enter the building at their allocated entrance.

After school, pupils will remain in class groups, then be called for their transport.

If your child is a walker, please do not enter the main site, but wait at the school gate to be met by a staff member. This will be from 8.50 onwards. Please adhere to social distancing while queuing for your child to be admitted to school.

The start date back for your child depends on their Key Stage:

- Tuesday 1st - Training Day
- Wednesday 2nd - Mrs Sample (Y7), Mrs Bishop (Y7) , Mrs Storey(Y7), and Mrs Patterson (Lodge provision).

- Thursday 3rd– Miss Mallerby, Miss McCulloch, Miss Kidd and Y9 from Miss Walton.
- Friday 4th – Y10 from Miss Walton, Mrs Farnie, Mrs Burn and Mr Knight.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing Hillcrest staff team. A special mention must go to our caretaker Mr Dobson and the cleaning team Mrs Usher and Mrs Atkinson who have been wonderful ensuring that the school has been clean and as risk free as possible.

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Brown, Mr Rathmell, Mr Phillips (to take up a seconded Headship) and Miss Richardson who leaves us to go and start Teacher Training. We shall miss them enormously as they were valued member of the Hillcrest community.

Thanks you for support, patience and understanding during the last few months. I hope you all have a wonderful summer. I can't wait for us to be a full school again. I have missed the children so much.

Yours sincerely

Andrea Mead