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Dear parents and carers,

As we draw a close to this strange academic year, it is time to share with you our reopening plans for September, when we once again open our doors to all children.

We have spent the last few weeks risk assessing our plans in line with the recent government guidance to ensure that they are robust and workable.

We will be following guidance around protective measures in school by:

1. minimising contact with individuals who are unwell ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school;
2. cleaning hands more thoroughly and more often than usual;
3. ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach;
4. introducing enhanced cleaning, a full-time cleaning rota is in place;
5. minimising contact between individuals and maintaining social distancing where possible.

September Guidelines

School **closes** for summer on **Thursday 23rd July**.

School **reopens** on **Thursday 3rd September** to all children and **full attendance** will be expected.

School will be **full time, Monday to Friday** and we will no longer close at lunchtime on a Friday.

Children must be **punctual**.

We have put in a **staggered start** time in the mornings as follows:

Class	Teacher	Drop-off	Pick-up	Where?
Year 6	Miss Higgins	8:30am	3:15pm	KS2 Playground
Year 5	Miss Race	8:30am	3:15pm	KS2 Playground
Year 4	Mr Jones	8:40am	3:15pm	KS2 Playground
Year 2/3	Miss North	8:40am	3:15pm	KS2 Playground
Year 1/2	Mr Hinton	8:45am	3:15pm	KS1 Playground
Year R/1	Miss Hulme	8:50am	3:15pm	Year R/1 Classroom
Acorn	Mrs Mitchell	8:50am	3:15pm	KS2 Playground
Oak	Miss Donoghue	8:50am	3:15pm	KS2 Playground

For drop-off and pick-up, protective measures **MUST** be in place and we ask you to follow the guidelines below:

- **One adult** to drop off and collect children
- The **school path** will be **reopened** so please **do not** use the **driveway**
- **Keep a distance** of at least **1m plus** where possible, use the grass space if needed
- Do not group/chat on the path and cause bottlenecks

Full uniform will be **expected** as guidance now states that clothing can be washed as part of the normal routine.

PE kits and trainers will need to be **labelled** and in school from the **first day back**.

What will September look like?

As far as possible we will endeavour for the children to feel like school is the one they left before the lockdown; just with a little more/lot more handwashing!

We have used Professor Barry Carpenter's work on, 'The Recovery Curriculum', to guide our thinking and planning for the children's return. We know that anxious children can't learn and therefore our first focus will be about reconnecting and establishing relationships.

In the first few weeks the children will work through an adjusted timetable that breaks their time into shorter periods of focussed learning, interspersed with time to focus on enhancing their wellbeing.

As a school we have considered the areas of the curriculum that have not been covered during this period and we have built this into each year group's long term planning. As educators we will be tailoring our language with the children so that there is a culture of positivity and optimism rather than focussing on loss and deficit.

I include the table below that our staff will use so that you can all see and share the same language with your children.

Language we avoid	Language we use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch up • Learning gaps • Lost learning • Repair learning • Damage to learning • Time lost • Recover • Make up lost time • Behind • Cover ground • Speed up • Cram in • Won't fit it all in • Impossible to fit it all in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map where we are currently at • Move forward • Master our prior learning • Consolidate • Strengthen prior learning • Enhance our subject knowledge • Deepen the knowledge • Revisit to strengthen • Next sequence • Build upon • Enhance • Develop the learning • Challenge ourselves • Misconceptions

Finally, we look forward to seeing all the children back after the summer break. In the meantime do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Headteacher

