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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope you are all having a good summer break despite the continued challenges.

The Government has announced the backtoschoolsafely campaign to reassure parents and pupils that schools are ready for their return in September. This is part of the wider Stay Alert campaign; you will see newspaper and TV/ hear radio advertising from Monday 24th August which will run until early September. The latest data from the Office of National Statistics show that there is growing confidence among parents and carers that their children will return to school in September. Parents and carers are encouraged to visit gov.uk/backtoschool for information and practical guidance to help plan for their child's return to school.

We have produced a detailed risk assessment which I am happy to email to anyone who is worried; it details our safety measures including:

- Lunches and break times staggered;
- Lunches brought in individual packaging to classrooms;
- Staggered arrival of buses;
- Waiting area zoned (one in at a time);
- Limited outside contact and large meetings;
- Assemblies to be held virtually or in class;
- Designated handwashing sinks for each class;
- All classes have sanitizer which pupils are encouraged to use and designated handwashing times;
- Temperatures taken as pupils enter school and if anyone feels unwell;
- PPE available if any child becomes symptomatic of COVID 19 (high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste/ smell);
- We continue to ask all parents and carers not to send their child in if they display any of these symptoms or if anyone in the household does, and to book a test as soon as possible so that we can minimise any risks
- Lidded bins in every room and increased cleaning rota;
- Staff will be wiping down handles/ light switches etc. regularly;
- Pupils in secondary to wipe down individual work area after use;
- All pupils to have individual table, facing away from others;
- All pupils to have own equipment and some shared PE etc. equipment to be wiped down after use;



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- Use of outdoor learning wherever possible and KS2/3 classes will have blocks of time outdoors linked to Forest Schools;
- Pupils in KS3/4 will not be able to access local gyms/ pools as they are closed;
- School transport is exempt from wearing masks but if pupils and families make the decision to wear masks on our buses, we are happy with this choice. Likewise, some of our staff may wear masks on the buses;
- I will continue to work closely with the Local Authority and if there is a local change in circumstance will update you all accordingly.

If you have any worries or your personal circumstances change, please call school or email me:
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I am really looking forward to this year – we have a new exciting curriculum, some new qualifications and have increased intervention groups and invested in new assessment systems in order to be sure that no one falls behind. We have our enhanced PE and forest schools offer and both the Primary and Secondary departments have had work completed over the summer. The outdoor learning space and garden in Primary looks amazing thanks to Mrs Jill Hurst and the PTA, and the Secondary department have a newly developed library and Art/DT space in addition to the lovely Y7 classroom.

Just a reminder that pupils are expected to wear uniform from September – dark trousers/ shorts/ skirt (not jeans) and a school polo shirt with school jumper or cardigan. Shoes should be black with no logos or high heels. Jewellery is not to be worn as it can cause accidents or injuries.

On the days when your child has PE, they can come to school in PE kit – this should be joggers/ shorts in a dark colour and a plain polo or T shirt in white/ blue preferably. Trainers should be black and not have fashion logos.

We are open from Thursday 3rd September and we break up for half term on the 23rd October. A full list of dates can be found on the website or email/ ring the office for a paper or electronic copy.

I and all the staff are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back, enjoy your last week of holiday (hopefully the weather will get a little better!) Thank you so much for your continued support and good wishes, I am sure that 2020/21 will be a great year despite all the challenges.

With my best wishes

Michelle Parkes
Headteacher