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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are keeping safe and well.

As this highly unusual school year draws to a close I am writing to you to explain our plans for a return to school in September.

Following the Government's announcement on Thursday 2nd July that all children are to return to school full time from the start of September, we have carefully studied the government guidance and would like to share how we will manage this return safely.

Our approach is based on having a Key Stage 1 'bubble' and a Key stage 2 'bubble' thus limiting contact between pupils from the two different Key stages where possible and the continued implementation of hygiene measures. This will include staggered start and finish times, staggered break times and lunch times

Start Dates

The Government have advised that school attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term.

All children except for our new reception starters **will start back to school on Thursday the 3rd September.** They will spend the first two days in the class which they were in prior to March 20th.

From Monday the 7th September the children will move into their new classes and complete a transition week.

Please note, that in order to safely welcome back all our children back into school in September we plan the following start times and finish times. These will continue until further notice to avoid congestion at the school gate.



Drop off times

- Key stage 2 – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 need to be on the school yard at 8:50am. Please note that only one parent/carer to drop their children off.
- Key stage 1 Years Reception/Year 1 and Year 2 to be on the yard at 9:00am. Please do not come onto the yard before this time to ensure all KS2 parents have vacated the school site.

If you have children in both Key stages please can we ask that you come at the earlier time with both children.

Collection Times

- Key stage 1 Years Reception/Year 1 & Year 2 to be collected at 3pm
- Key stage 2 – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 to be collected at 3:15pm

As soon as the government is confident that the prevalence of the virus has diminished sufficiently and that year group ‘bubbles’ are not required, we will review our position and consider whether it is safe to revert back to our original start and finish times.

Lunch Time

School lunches will be available again in September. To avoid ‘bubbles’ mixing in the lunch queues and dining areas there will be a staggered start to the lunch time. After each key stage bubble has finished lunch the dining room tables will be cleaned down.

Hygiene

As has been the case since lock down commenced, all children and staff are constantly reminded to wash or sanitise their hands frequently. Cleaning arrangements have been increased, particularly where there are common touch-points, for example handles and bannisters. Where possible the doors and windows will be kept open to allow for ventilation.

Curriculum

The teaching staff have been working extremely hard on the curriculum planning for the autumn term. There will be work around mental well-being, physical well-being and while we need to plan in additional work around the basic skills in Maths and English we do plan to provide a broad and balanced curriculum.

Uniform

Children will be expected to wear full school uniform when they return in September.

Children should wear:-

- Grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore dress
- White polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black shoes
- Uniform can be ordered from [here](#)



P.E/Kit

We ask that children come in to school on their allocated P.E day (details to follow at the beginning of the autumn term) in their P.E kit due to limited changing facilities. Children will be allowed to wear tracksuits and trainers as P.E will take place outside weather permitting. We are still awaiting guidance regarding swimming and the Sports Centre activities for KS2 children.

Bags

Children will be allowed to bring bags into school but limit as to what they bring. All children will be provided with their own stationary pack so no pencil cases please.

Class Dojo

Can I please ask that if you haven't already signed up to the class dojo to please contact the school to arrange this as we will be using this as a two-way communication between class teachers and parents from September. Thank you to all of you who already have done so.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will start again from Monday 7th September at 8am.

After School Clubs

At the present time we have not made provision for after schools clubs to be running but we hope that we can organise this as soon as possible.

I understand that many of you may feel nervous or anxious about sending your child/ren back to school after so long. Please be assured that as a staff we have planned and prepared to ensure that your child/ren will be kept safe and we welcome them back into a safe and calm relaxed environment. We have set up procedures and hygiene practices following the Government guidance.

I have attached the most up to date information for parents and carers below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

If you have any questions or concerns then please do contact me at ramshaw@durhamlearning.net

I will contact you via Our School App if there are any changes to the above before the start of September.

I thank you once again for your continued support during the last few months of uncertainty and as a staff we look forward to seeing your children back into school.

Please take care, stay safe and have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely

Liz Sturrock

