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Important Information

It is critical that you read this letter carefully

Dear parents,

As you will have heard, school will re-open to all children in September and we are looking forward to having them all back. However, I must stress that all plans shared will be subject to change. I ask for your support and patience during the autumn because all plans will be temporary measures under ever changing guidance and will almost definitely change at some point during the term.

All plans and timescales could change if current council and government advice changes, if there is a spike in confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Coventry, if we do not have sufficient staff or if any staff members of the school community contract Covid-19.

The senior leadership team have assessed the building and our individual school context and have considered the government and council guidance in relation to managing risk for the proposed return to school for all children in September.

We are currently waiting for our updated risk assessment to be approved. We will then be able to confirm exact arrangements and timings.

It is important to stress that when the children return to school there will be different routines and school life will not be the same as before.

Strategies and supervision will be in place to ensure we operate in bubbles and routines will aim to ensure there is no potential cross-contamination of Covid-19 between year groups.

We ask that you help to prepare your child/children for returning to school and help them to understand the following arrangements:

- Children will be in year group bubbles.
- Groups will not be allowed to mix with children outside of their year groups.
- Use of corridors will be limited and children will use external doors to enter and exit school.
- The school day and timetable will be affected significantly.
- There will be no assemblies.
- PE lessons will be planned and delivered differently.
- Play times and lunch times will be staggered.
- Children will not have access to all parts of school.
- Children will stay within their bubbles throughout the day and will only be taught/supervised by a small number of the same adults. These adults will not change as often as they did before.
- The timings of the school day will be different.
- The school day will end at different times for different year groups.
- Children will only be allowed to use allocated toilets.
- After school clubs will take place in year group bubbles. More information will follow in the first week of term. There will not be any after school clubs during the first two weeks of term.
- Handwashing will form part of the school timetable.

For now, we can confirm the following basic logistics:

- The timings of the school day will be different.
- The gates will be open from 0825hrs.
- School will open earlier and close earlier.
- Some year groups will be registered at 0840 and will finish at 1500hrs (earliest start and finish).
- Some year groups will be registered at 0900 and will finish at 1515hrs (latest start and finish).
- Year groups will start and finish at different times and each year group will be allocated a gate for entering and exiting school.
- Changes to the school timetable will not reduce teaching/lesson time.
- Lunch time will be 50 minutes instead of 1 hour 5 minutes.
- Lunch time will be staggered and children will eat within their bubbles.
- School dinner menu will be limited and dinners will continue to be delivered to bubbles.
- The dining room will not be used in the same way as before. Only children from EYFS will use the dining room.
- We recommend you provide a packed lunch if possible. If not possible, packed lunches can be provided by school.
- Play times will be staggered. Each year group within the key stage will have play time at a different time.
- Skills Academy will take place in bubbles and will operate differently.
- Y1 – Y6 will return to school on Wednesday 2nd September.
- EYFS return to school will be staggered.
- Owls before and after school club will be open and will operate under a separate risk assessment.
- Specialist teaching for PE, Music and Computing will continue.
- School may close for deep cleaning and chemical fogging.
- Children will be wearing uniform.
- The equipment children bring to school (bags etc.) will be limited.
- PE kit cannot be left at school. It must be taken home and washed.

Further information outlining exact arrangements will follow as soon as our risk assessment has been approved.

Please keep checking the school website for updates. Updates will be posted in the Covid-19 and school letters sections of the website.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

Best wishes,

Mr Taylor