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Dear Parents,

Following the recent government decision that all children will be returning to school in September, we have been working on our plans to ensure a safe return for all. Since lockdown began in March, we have adhered to the strict guidelines and practices to ensure that the children who remained at or returned to school over the last four months have done so, safely. We will continue to follow the guidelines but from September, this will be on a much wider scale.

All children are expected to return to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The guidance recommends consistent bubbles and we are opting for year group bubbles to enable the delivery of our full curriculum to include maths and phonics groups. The other measures that we will continue to put in place are as follows:

- We will promote distancing when moving around the school or when playing.
- Regular hand washing and promoting respiratory care will continue.
- In order to manage the numbers of children and parents on site, we will have staggered start and finish times. This will not affect the teaching time. Below are the start and finish times for each year group.

	Start time	End time	Gate to be used
Year 1	8:45-8:50	15:10-15:15	Main gate
Year 2	8:55 – 9:00	15:10 – 15:15	Far playground gate
Year 3	8:35 - 8:40	15:20 – 15:25	Main gate
Year 4	8:35 – 8:40	15:30	Far playground gate
Year 5	8:45 – 8:50	15:20 – 15:25	Frogs – far playground gate Magpies – Sainsbury's gate
Year 6	8:35 – 8:40	15:30	Sainsbury's gate

- We will use our 3 entrance/ exit gates to the school (main gate, Sainsbury's gate, far playground gate). Specific year groups will be asked to use certain gates. It is important that you adhere to the times and gates specified for your child's year group. Please remember to maintain social distancing.
- Parents will not be able to enter the building, other than the reception area to the main office. Dropping off and picking up will be from the outside classroom doors (for Robins and Swifts this will be the cloakroom door). If you need to speak to the teacher, please make contact via email or the office.
- Playtimes will be staggered and children will be allocated space either on the field or the playground where they can play in their year group bubble.

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- The kitchen will provide hot lunches. Years 1, 2 and 3 will have a serving time for their year group either in the hall or The Orchard where the children will be spaced out. The lunches will be served at the table, so the children are not moving around. In between each service, the tables and chairs will be wiped down. For Years 4, 5 and 6, lunch will be served in the classroom as we have a hot trolley that will deliver the hot lunches. We encourage all children to bring their own named bottle of water to school.
- Please feel free to provide a piece of fruit as a mid-morning snack for your child.
- In the classroom, children will be seated facing forwards. We will provide each child with their own labelled stationery bag so there is no sharing of equipment. Children, from the same year group, will be able to work in small groups in the bay area but they will be seated so that they are all facing forwards.
- Children will need to bring their PE kit to school at the start of the week. This will be sent home on a Friday to be washed. The children will only be participating in outdoor PE sessions – twice a week. For Year 3, who swim as part of the PE curriculum, a separate letter will be sent, outlining the plans for this.
- Children can bring in a book bag as they will be taking a reading book home. Please ensure your child does not bring in anything other than what is needed.
- We will not have whole school assemblies in the hall until it is deemed safe to do so.
- We are planning to offer Breakfast Club and After School Club, but this will be organised differently to ensure we keep the children in consistent groups. A separate letter detailing the provision will be sent, once we have an idea of how many children will be using each of the clubs. The booking system will be online - we will notify you of when this is live so you can book a place if it is required.
- There will be regular cleaning throughout the day.
- We will adopt a virtual reward system - Dojos - as we will not be physically handing out smileys as rewards. In September, Miss Biggs will write to you to explain how this will work in school.
- We are ready to use remote learning with our use of Microsoft Teams, if required
- We have completed a risk assessment that will shortly be available for you to access on our website. This outlines what we are implementing to manage the risks as best we can.

Although we have had a third of our school population return to school during the summer term, we are mindful that many of our children have not been in school, for what will be nearly 6 months. The children who have attended school have been wonderful and have embraced all the changes really well. We have been pleased with the engagement with the home learning and we would like to thank you for supporting your child in these unprecedented times. However, we are aware that for some, a routine and mindset for learning needs to be re-established. Our curriculum will reflect this initially, as our children

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need to be emotionally available and ready to learn. Staff have received training from CAMHs in supporting children back into school and how to manage the different responses we may see from children.

We appreciate that you may still have concerns about your child returning in September and we anticipate some of our children may need more time and nurturing to adjust back to school life. All staff will be available to support you and your child in managing this transition. We do feel that school is the best place for our children. We will be writing to the children in due course to explain to them what school will look like in September.

We hope the information gives you an insight on how school will look in September. It is possible that government guidance may change over the summer. If that is the case, we will keep you updated.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued co-operation, support and understanding through the last few months. We wish you all a restful summer holiday and look forward to working with you in September.

Yours sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures are shown. The first signature, on the left, is 'S Bains' and the second, on the right, is 'P Sutton'. Both are written in black ink.

Mrs S Bains & Miss P Sutton  
Joint Acting Headteachers

