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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may remember, I wrote to you in July regarding the opening of school in September for all children. Please take the time to re-read this important letter attached which has been amended slightly to ensure the safe opening of school.

Staff will be on hand to guide you round the new one way system, however it is essential that you know your child's class teacher and entry point.

I hope that you have all had a relaxing break and are looking forward to your child returning to school as much as we are.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Kind Regards

Mrs L Clerkin

Head of School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of the changes that will take place in September in order for us to safely welcome all of our children back to school. As of Thursday 3rd September full time compulsory education will commence.

Government guidance for the autumn term has changed. Social distancing requirements have been relaxed for schools to operate as fully as possible. As a result children will be in year group bubbles of 60 children. School will endeavour to reduce the risk of the spread of Covid 19 as far as possible by minimising the movement of children around the school introducing staggered breaks and lunchtimes.

After careful consideration, we have introduced a staggered drop off and pick up time in order to support parents/carers to social distance. School will open gates fifteen minutes before the start of the school day where staff will welcome children into their classrooms to allow children to be dropped off and for parents/carers to promptly leave the premises. This will support parents with siblings in school.

A comprehensive risk assessment approved by the local authority means that there will be a one way system in place Two exit gates have been identified to facilitate this. Reception gate for the Early Years parents/carers to exit from and the gate by the Lower Key Stage Two trim trail for the rest of the school. It is essential that parents/carers adhere to this system in order for school to open safely. The Key Stage One car park will be empty to provide space for social distancing.

Staggered drop off and pick up details are as follows.

Staggered Drop Off

Key Stage/Time	Entrance	Drop and Go	Exit
Nursery 9.00am-9.15am	Enter Nursery Gate	Classroom Door	Reception Gate
Reception 8.45am-9.00am	Enter Nursery Gate	Classroom Door	Reception Gate
KS1 8.45am-9.00am	KS1 Car Park	Classroom Back Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Years 3/4 8.45am-9.00am	LKS2 Gate	Year 3/4 Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Years 5/6 8.45am-9.00am	LKS2 Gate	Year 5/6 playground	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail

Staggered Pick Up

Key Stage	Time/Gate	Collect	Exit
Nursery 3.15pm-3.30pm	Nursery Gate	Classroom Door	Reception Gate
Reception 3.15pm-3.30pm	Nursery Gate	Classroom Door	Reception Gate
KS1 3.15pm-3.30pm	KS1 Gate	Classroom Back Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y3R	LKS2 Gate	Year 3/4 Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y3M	LKS2 Gate	UKS2 Playground	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y4M	Breakfast Club Gate	Breakfast Club Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y4F/Mc	LKS2 Gate	Classroom Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y5McF	LKS2 Gate	UKS2 Covered Area	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y5M	Breakfast Club Gate	Breakfast Club Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y6B/W	LKS2 Gate	Classroom Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y6W	LKS2 Gate	Classroom Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail

Please note the following:-

- To minimise the number of adults on the premises, **only one parent/carer is permitted to enter the school site with a child when dropping off/picking up.**
- Social distancing guidance must be adhered to. Please use the extended drop off/pick up to **avoid gathering at the gates.**
- **The church car park will no longer be available for parent/carer parking.** Teachers will be using this to allow the staff car park to be available for social distancing in KS1.
- Unless absolutely necessary, please do not visit the school office. All enquiries and communication should be done through phone calls or e-mail. The school office will only allow one visitor in the lobby at any one time.
- A separate letter has been sent regarding Breakfast Club arrangements.

To maintain high levels of hygiene and to continue to reduce the risks associated with the spread of COVID-19, the following arrangements are in place:-

- Children will be expected to wear full school uniform including black school shoes (see website for details)
- As much as possible, PE will take place outside. Therefore children are invited to add a black pair of jogging bottoms (no label) to their existing kit of black shorts and plain white

t-shirt. We ask that you send all kit in on the first day and leave them at school until the end of each half term..

- Water bottles can be brought into school as normal.
- School reading folders and pack lunch boxes will be all your child is permitted to bring into school.
- Children should not bring any equipment into school. High use items such as stationary will be allocated to children and not shared.

Face Coverings

Latest Government guidance advises that children should not wear face coverings in primary schools. If your child wears a mask on the way to school you will be asked to remove it at the school gate. Please remove the mask for your child from the ear piece avoiding touching the mouth area and if disposable place in the bin. If the mask is reusable it must be placed in a plastic bag and taken home with the parent. If necessary children who walk to school in Year Six will be able to keep their sealed plastic bag with their reusable mask inside, in their school tray.

After an unprecedented year, we are eager to welcome our children back into school safely and well rested after the summer break.

Thank you all for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Ms M Garvey
Headteacher

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