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Dear Parents and Carers

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic we have followed advice and guidance from Public Health England, including the introduction of many safety measures such as the re-introduction of bubbles, staggered playtimes, lunches and starts and finishes to the school day.

We have received up-to-date advice from Public Health England and under their guidance, we have reviewed our Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan so that it is in-line with the government's response to the pandemic.

As a result, after the February half term holiday, the children will no longer be required to work in separate bubbles, their play will not be restricted and we will not operate staggered starts and finishes to the school day; we will essentially resume normal operating procedures.

We will however maintain a range of control measures such as increased hand hygiene, cleaning of classrooms and equipment, ventilating the classrooms, and regular lateral flow testing by all school staff. Many school staff will continue to choose to wear face coverings and we would like parents to wear face coverings when inside the school building (e.g school entrance foyer) or at classroom doors when speaking to school staff.

Should cases rise significantly within individual classes, we will introduce further control measures. The measures will be applied **temporarily**, until the positive case numbers fall when the class will go back to normal. Examples of measures for individual classes:

- Pausing class/es attendance at collective worship
- Restricting class/es playtimes with other children
- Class/es eating lunch in classrooms instead of the lunch hall

In the event that the virus becomes more widely transmitted and the above measure are no longer deemed to be effective, we will seek advice from PHE as it may be that further measures and restrictions will be required. Please see our school website for detail of the Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan.

Below is a reminder of the normal operating procedures:

Start of the day:

- The main school gate will open at 8.35am for an 8.50am registration, allowing 15 minutes for all children to come onto site.
- KS2 children can walk onto the school site either with parents or by themselves and children go directly up to classrooms.

- Reception and KS1 children coming to school by foot should be brought onto site by parents and taken directly to the classrooms.
- The Kiss and Drop will be operational between 8.35am and 8.50am and the children who arrive by car will go straight to classrooms once they have been dropped off. We are allowing a 15-minute window for parents to drop children at the Kiss and Drop. To avoid queues, we recommend that you do not **all** arrive at 8.35am but instead arrive at intervals throughout the 15-minute time slot.

End of the day:

- All children will finish school at 3.15pm.
- Older KS2 children can walk home by themselves if they have permission to do so.
- KS2 children who are being collected by parents on foot, will meet parents at the main gate.
- Reception and KS1 children leaving by foot must be collected directly from classrooms by parents.
- Older siblings who are not walking home by themselves, will meet parents outside the relevant Reception or KS1 classrooms, as pre- arranged with parents.
- Siblings groups who are walking home will be brought to the main gate to meet parents

The Kiss and Drop at the end of the day:

- Children including sibling groups will gather next to the Kiss and Drop, ready for collection **between 3.15pm and 3.30pm**. Again, we are allowing a 15-minute window for parents to collect children at the Kiss and Drop. To avoid queues for the Kiss and Drop, we ask that parents observe the following guide:
 - Individual children and family groups from Reception and Key Stage 1 only to be collected between 3.15pm and 3.20pm.
 - All other children to be collected between 3.20pm and 3.30pm.

PE days

We would like the children to continue to come to school wearing their PE kit on the PE days. Please see below for class PE days. Children who are taking part in an after school sport club should wear PE kit to school on those days too:

KS1

| Class | PE Days |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| Robins | Mondays and Fridays |
| Kingfishers | Mondays and Wednesdays |
| Puffins | Mondays and Thursdays |
| Goldfinches | Tuesdays and Thursdays |
| Pipits | Tuesdays and Wednesdays |
| Wagtails | Tuesdays and Wednesdays |

KS2:

| Class | PE Days |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Red Kite | Mondays and Wednesdays |
| Buzzard | Wednesdays and Fridays |

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|-------------|--------------------------|
| Sparrowhawk | Wednesdays and Thursdays |
| Peregrine | Tuesdays and Fridays |
| Merlin | Tuesdays and Fridays |
| Kestrel | Wednesdays and Thursdays |
| Harrier | Mondays and Fridays |

We understand that some parents may have concerns about the changes to our Outbreak Management Plan. We have thought very carefully about these changes and have followed the advice we have been given. We have also reflected on the impact of the restrictions on the children's mental health and well-being and the impact on the curriculum. We are confident that the new plan will not only enable us to manage the virus in school but will provide the children with a greater degree of normality and the breadth of education that they deserve, ultimately enhancing their learning experiences.

It is important for us to reinforce that Children should only attend school if they are well and are not displaying any symptoms of the Coronavirus: a cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you have any queries about these arrangements.

We thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs S Svenson
Headteacher