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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will know, schools are to re-open to all pupils, full time from September 2020. The government has released guidance which schools must follow and I write with our plans for organising the children's return to school.

The children will be taught in individual, whole class 'bubbles' during the school day. Whilst the children are not required to social distance within their bubble, the adults are required to maintain 2m distance from the children as much as they possibly can. Each class bubble will remain separate and the children will need to arrive and leave school at the end of the day at staggered intervals.

We ask that only 1 parent brings and collects children and we strongly encourage parents to observe social distancing in School Lane and at the school gate.

We have organised the bubbles to arrive and leave at 5 minute intervals and we ask that children arrive promptly for their allocated slot as follows:

Class	Arrival time	Collection time
Red Kites	8:30am – 8:35am	3:00am – 3:05pm
Peregrines	8:35am – 8:40am	3:05am – 3:10pm
Buzzards	8:40am – 8:45am	3:10am – 3:15pm
Merlins	8:45am – 8:50am	3:15am – 3:20pm
Kestrels	8:50am – 8:55am	3:20am – 3:25pm
Harriers	8:55am – 9:00am	3:25am – 3:30pm

Should siblings on the same site have different arrival times, please arrive for the earlier slot and both children can join their class line where they will need to wait for the remainder of their class. Equally at the end of the school day, please collect both of your children at the later time. We recognise that it might be difficult to manage arrival and leaving times for siblings on separate school sites and understand if the children are a little late to their bubbles due to travelling between the two sites.

At present we cannot allow any parents to come on to the school site. Should you wish to speak to a staff member, please contact the school office by telephone or email. We thank you for your understanding with this.

Although we will be doing everything that we can to ensure that bubbles do not meet, we cannot guarantee that the children will not have contact with other bubbles.

The children will be taught by their teacher and teaching assistants each day and a small number of other adults during the week, for example for PE lessons. During lessons the adults will social distance from the children, however

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there will be times when they will come into closer contact with the children, for example to listen to children read, to direct them with their work and for first aid purposes. This closer contact will only be for short periods of time.

Each individual bubble has been allocated a separate outdoor area to play in and their own play equipment which will be cleaned regularly. Lunches will be eaten in the classrooms within each bubble. Please see our website to view the new menus which have been adjusted in light of the unusual circumstances within which the Midday Supervisors will be working.

In each classroom, the children will sit in rows. They will be given their own individual equipment to use including pens and pencils, which will be kept for their own use. There will however be times when children will touch equipment that other children within their bubble may have touched. To minimise the risk of contamination, the children will wash their hands before and after play times and the equipment will be cleaned after the children have used it.

Handwashing will be a very important part of the children's routine. The teachers will reinforce and monitor regular handwashing throughout the day starting with when the children come to school then before and after they go out to play, before and after they eat anything and after they have coughed or sneezed. Should you wish to send your child to school with hand sanitizer, you must be satisfied that this is safe for your children and it must be kept for individual use only.

The children should come to school dressed in the correct school uniform except on PE days when we would like them to come to school already dressed in their PE kit with their school jumper. The teachers will inform their class of PE days when we return to school in September. Please see our school website for the correct PE kit to be worn.

The children **should not bring anything** to school other than their lunch (if bringing a packed lunch), plenty of drink, a healthy morning snack (fruit or other healthy option), reading book and reading record. Junior children may bring a bag for their belongings and do not need to bring a book bag. Please make sure that any medication and asthma inhalers are in school at all times.

We are planning our curriculum to meet the children's emotional and mental health needs following such a long absence from school and to address the impact of Covid -19. We know that there will be anxieties about returning to school and that the children will take time to settle back into the routine and structure of school life. The teachers are planning how to best support the children's needs both emotionally and academically and we will do our very best to help put the children at ease once they are in school and to reassure them that they are in an environment that is as safe as we can possibly make it. Please note that our usual positive behaviour policy still applies and we will be helping the children to remember our Golden rules and the way in which we expect them to behave.

Initially we will be unable to run before and after school clubs, including Breakfast Club. We will be in touch as soon as possible in the Autumn Term with updates about our before and after school provision.

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The usual rules in relation to school attendance will apply from September, including the duty on parents to ensure children's regular attendance at school and the school's responsibility to follow up absences. A small number of pupils may still be unable to attend school in line with GP or Public Health advice. If this is the case, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Please note that children should only attend school if they are well and are **not displaying any symptoms of the Coronavirus.** Should they or any household or family members display any symptoms, the children should not come to school and should be tested. Should a child become unwell at school, please note that you will be asked to come and collect them **immediately.**

It is important to reiterate that these are our initial plans and may change as we act on further advice, risk assessments and government guidance. We will keep you informed of any changes as appropriate.

The holidays begin next week and no work will be set for the children on eschools - you all deserve the break! From tomorrow, Friday 17th July the messaging, discussions and blogs section of eschools will be switched off for the summer holiday. Should you wish to download and keep any homework tasks that your child has completed, you will need to do this **by Friday 24th July.** Children's work will no longer be available to view or download after this date.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school in September, to rebuilding our school community and helping the children settle in. We look forward to working with you all again next year and wish you a restful and relaxing summer holiday.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Best wishes

Mrs S Svenson
Headteacher