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Dear Parents or Carers

I am absolutely delighted to inform you that the school will be opening to all children in all year groups from Tuesday 8th September 2020. Following the falling prevalence of the COVID 19 virus in the local community, and alongside an operational NHS track and trace system, we believe that a return to school for all children is vital. We know that significant time away from school can be detrimental for children's cognitive, social and academic development which is why the school staff and governors are supporting a full reopening with all of the necessary safety measures in place.

During conversations with parents over the last week, I have heard about the challenges of working with children at home during the lockdown and the high levels of anxiety some parents have about children returning to school in September. A key part of our work in September will be to ease children back into a structured school system and support any mental health issues including group anxiety and social interaction worries. Children need to be happy and feel safe before they can learn and we have made this our key priority, to support this we have gathered a list of parents whose children have been away from school for 5 months who feel that their children would appreciate some time in school in the final week of the summer holidays. We have organised this provision and will be contacting those parents with a date towards the end of the summer break.

Our doors will only open in September after a thorough and detailed review of the risks associated with reopening to make our site and procedures as safe as possible. Staff will be working before and during the summer holidays to complete further changes to our systems and procedures. Below are listed many of the critical changes that we are making to keep all of the members of our school family safe:

1. Comply with all of the government guidance and implement health and safety audits and action plans.
2. Manage any confirmed cases following the East Riding of Yorkshire Public Health protocols.
3. Set up bubbles across the school. Classes 1 and 2 will form a bubble, Classes 3 and 4 (which will have children from Years 3, 4 and 5) will form a bubble, and Class 5 (Year 6) will form their own bubble. Interaction between these bubbles will not be permitted and any shared spaces like the computer suite will be cleaned regularly.
4. We will set up our classrooms with forward-facing desks in most classes with children only interacting during lesson times, break times and dinner times, with children in their own bubble.
5. There will be no whole school activities or assemblies, or mixing between children from different bubbles during the school day.
6. The school will have split lunches with some children being served in their classroom.
7. Split playground and field spaces so children from each bubble do not mix at break and dinner times.
8. Change the curriculum we offer so that children do limited work in groups or as part of a team. Curriculum changes will also require a focus on key skills during the autumn term to help children catch up any lost progress.
9. Provide lunchtime and after school interventions to help any children who have considerably fallen behind during their time away from school.
10. Limit the number of children accessing our toilet facilities to one at a time.
11. Continue to wipe down and sterilise all commonly used handles and surfaces across the school. We will also deep clean the school regularly.
12. Children will regularly wash their hands and use antibacterial hand gels throughout the day.

13. Parents will not be permitted on site during drop off and pick to adhere to the social distancing guidance.
14. Teach all of our children how to apply effective distancing expectations while on the school site.

New drop off and pick up procedures.

We have several changes that we need to make to our pick up and drop off procedures. Parents will no longer be allowed within the inner boundary of the school fence or office area unless by prior appointment. Parents will need to hand their children over to a member of staff at the entrance points to the school. The drop-off and pick up times for school have not changed.

Breakfast Club.

Our Breakfast Club will be available from September and will be organised with children seated in their specific bubbles; they will not be permitted to move between bubbles. Following breakfast children will be given activities that they can complete at their table. Breakfast club will commence at 8am and payment will be via Parentpay.

Nursey and Reception children – Teacher Miss Brown

Please come to the side magnetic gate and hand your child over to a member of staff following the social distancing guidance. Please prepare your children for this change in procedure. Please see the photo below.



Year 1 children – Teacher Mrs Dowkes

Please come to the Driffield Road side gate and hand your child over to a member of staff following the social distancing guidance. Please prepare your children for this change in procedure. Please see the photo below.



Year 3,4,5 and 6 children

Please come to the side gate on Millside and hand your child over to a member of staff following the social distancing guidance as much as possible. Please prepare your children for this change in procedure.

Hot Lunch

Nafferton School will continue to provide us with hot dinners from September. Lunch will be staggered. Some children will eat in classrooms to avoid a large number of children in the hall. Procedures for booking lunch will be the same as before the lockdown. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will continue to receive universal free school meals. All other meals payments will be via ParentPay.

Items between home and school

The school will be carefully considering the number of materials and resources shared between home and school. Children will be bringing home reading books and will need a bag, coat, hat and PE kit. We will try to keep this list down to a minimum and will store books for up to 72 hours before sharing them with different households.

School Transport – those children who use a bus

Home to school transport will be available for all children from September. The latest government guidance states that because our bus is a dedicated bus the 2m distancing rule for transport does not apply from the start of the autumn term. Children do not need to wear a face-covering but will need to clean their hands before getting on the bus. We have e-mailed parents from Langtoft with the latest East Riding guidance if you have any concerns please e-mail: transport.requests@eastriding.gov.uk

Please be assured that the school has followed all government guidance and used a common-sense approach to make any return to school as safe as possible. We are looking forward to some normality to our routine and having all of our children back in school. All of the changes to the way the school operates will be regularly reviewed.

I will be sending out a final update by email in the last weeks of the summer holidays through the school website newsletter (if you do not receive the school newsletter please sign up for this on the website).

We are all looking forward to having our school community back together in September. Have a fantastic, safe and happy summer holiday.

Kind regards



Robert Palmer
Headteacher