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Dear Parents and Carers

Returning to school in September 2020

Over the past few months the circumstances around coronavirus (COVID-19) has been a challenge for everyone: children, young people, parents/carers and school staff. Normal life has been disrupted in a way that most people have never experienced before. There are still many challenges ahead, but we are slowly starting to see some parts of life return to some normality.

The number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases has reduced significantly and so the government has now asked all schools to plan for all children and young people, in all year groups, to return to school from the beginning of the autumn term and so **we are planning for our school to open at the start of September**. The first day of term for Years 1-6 is Wednesday 2nd September. Please note, that the government will make a final decision on this on 11th August.

The safety, wellbeing and educational experience for your child is **our highest priority** and so we are making detailed plans for welcoming them into our school environment for September.

Outbreak planning

As part of this planning, Warwickshire has a county-wide approach for COVID-19 and this includes a clear plan for what happens if an individual child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, or is tested positive, and what happens if more than one pupil in our school has COVID-19 symptoms or is tested as positive.

This planning also sets out specific steps of what would happen if there was an outbreak within a geographical area of Rugby or if there was a wider outbreak across Warwickshire. The commitment from our schools and from Warwickshire County Council is, that if these circumstances were to arise, that there would be **clear communication with you** about your child's attendance at school.

Your role as a parent - guidance

The government has issued guidance for parents and carers, and so please take a few minutes to read this through: [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term](#)

Your role as a parent – self - responsibility on the school site

As we move to re-opening of schools in September, we must consider the safety of parents as well as children, as many of you will be returning to the school site.

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School will do all that they can to take responsibility for health and safety measures for the children in their care. Parents must help schools by taking responsibility for their own health and safety. We respectfully expect you to take responsibility for yourself at the school gates and in and around school by following:

- Social distancing
- Hand hygiene
- Observing any rules published by school for your safety

School Changes

At this point in time we have reviewed and amended our current risk assessment to reflect recent changes. Some key points regarding organisation are as follows:

- Children will be in whole class bubbles, each class will be separated from other classes at breaks and lunchtime.
- Classrooms have been re-organised so that all desks face forward.
- Start and finish times will be staggered to avoid congestion and large gatherings of people:

Year 1 – enter school at 8.45am. Finish 2.55pm (Gate near Reception class)

Year 2 – enter school at 8.45am. Finish 2.55pm (Main gate at school entrance)

Year 3 & 4 – enter school at 8.50am. Finish 3.05pm (Main gate at school entrance)

Year 5 & 6 – enter school at 9am. Finish 3.15pm (Main gate at school entrance)

- We will be asking parents to queue to collect their child in designated areas at the designated gate and then to leave the site immediately in order to avoid gatherings. No children should be left unsupervised at the beginning of the day and should only enter the school site when it is their time slot. We ask that parents do not gather at the entrance after drop off or collection so the road is cleared quickly for parents to park. Please explain to children ahead of September that children will be greeted by staff on the gate and then walk to their classroom independently.
- Lunchtimes will be staggered too. Hot dinners will be provided.
- On PE days the children should come into school already dressed in their kits so that there is no need for changing or additional items being kept in school. PE timetables will be shared in September.
- Children may still bring in their school bag and lunch boxes.

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- School uniform is required. We ask children to return in summer uniform – details of this are on our website.
- We are aiming to have 'Before & After School Club' (with social restrictions) running as normal from Wednesday 2nd September. Entrance and collectio to this is at the main office.

Once we return in September we will be able to share more information about timetables and any other necessary changes with you all including our risk assessment.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we work together to ensure all children can return to school safely in September.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Batson
Headteacher

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