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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 1 Children

Following our letter of 19 May we will re-open for our Year 1 children on 8 June and would just like to reiterate some of the points from our previous letter and give you additional details about reopening.

Classes

Class sizes will be of no more than 15. Children will start with the teachers that they are familiar with, however as we can only have 15 per class half the class will work with another teacher. As reception classes have had to use the Year 1 classrooms the Year 1 children will be relocated into the main building into the Year 2/Year 3 classrooms. This will be good for transition for the Year 1 children for after the summer. We hope that the children coming back before the summer will support them not only to get back to school now but also to be better prepared for the Autumn term.

Monday 8 June, Tuesday 9 June

Sunburst – Surnames A-Kh with Ms Williams and Miss Dale Rainbows End – Surnames A-K with Miss Brittain and Mrs Williams Stepping Stones – Surnames A-Na with Mrs Merz and Mr Frost

Wednesday 10 June, Thursday 11 June

Sunburst – Surnames Ky-Z with Ms Williams and Miss Dale Rainbows End – Surnames M-Z with Miss Brittain and Mrs Williams Stepping Stones – Surnames Ne-Z with Mrs Merz and Mr Frost

After the first transition week, the two teachers allocated to each class above will split into two separate classrooms with 15 in each base in the same groups as above.

School Day

The school day will start at 9.05 am. Parents are requested to be socially distant and there are markings leading to the classroom areas which are 2 metres apart to assist you in this. Please note that only one parent will be allowed on the school premises ie one adult with the child. There will be signs indicating which direction to take the children. Staff will be outside to welcome the children and make sure they go to the allocated areas.

The school day for Year 1 pupils will finish at 3.15pm due to the fact that we have been advised to stagger finishing times to ease the number of adults around school. Other years will have different finishing times.

We would like all parents to leave the site promptly after collecting their child as we will not allow crowding in the playground.

Classrooms

Inside, the classrooms will look very different as all soft furnishings and fabric based items have been taken out of the rooms. Each child will have their own set of school equipment which they cannot share with anybody else. When working at tables there will only be one child at a table and the tables will be spread out across the classroom space.

Uniform

Children need to come in their normal school uniform and they will hang their coat in their cloakroom. Please make sure that all school uniform is labelled – this is even more important now to make sure that children do not take home other children's uniform. Children need to wear trainers to school so that there is no need to change for any PE or outdoor activity.

If the weather is warm, children may come in the school PE kit ie red shorts and a tee-shirt and trainers. Please note as it is the summer term children will need sun hat and sun cream.

Children do not need to bring book bags so that we limit the amount of equipment being bought into school and we will not be sending reading books home in the first instance.

<u>Fruit</u>

Morning fruit snack should be bought in using a plastic bag which will be disposed of after use. Do not send fruit in a tub.

Items from Home

The only item a child will need to bring to school is their individual water bottle which will remain on their table during the course of the day for them to drink from. Please make sure this is labelled with your child's name. Your child can bring suncream, again in a separate bag clearly labelled, this can preferably be left at school or bought in daily.

Dinners

Children will have their school meals served in the classrooms. This will be a hot lunch in the form of finger food and in the first instance all meals will be vegetarian. Dietary requirements as previously indicated to school will be taken account of. For the minority of children in Year 1 who have a packed lunch they will need to bring it and again this will be put on their individual table and eaten when it is lunch time. Throughout the day the classroom and associated areas will be subject to additional cleaning.

Cleaning

All equipment, tables and chairs will be washed using antibacterial sprays and disinfection each evening with a deeper clean on a Friday of the wider area alongside the normal daily clean.

Playtimes

Children from each group of 15 will have a designated area to play in and will not mix with other Year 1 children. We are lucky to have such large grounds and therefore able to split playing areas.

Learning

The children in Year 1 will have similar learning opportunities across the year group both indoor and outdoor. Once the children have started back at school full time there will be no online

learning and should parents wish to do additional work they can access this using the Oak Academy Trust website and BBC Bitesize.

Travelling to School

We would ask parents to walk to school as far as practically possible so that we do not cause any traffic congestion and comply with social distancing outside the school premises. If you need to drive could you please park as far away as possible and walk the remaining distance to school.

Illnesses

If your child has a temperature or cough then please telephone the office absence line as usual. Should any of you, as adults, have come into contact with potential infections then please do not come to the school and follow the self-isolation rules for you and your family. Please note that children aged 5 and above and their families can now be tested if you suspect it is Covid19.

We will be filming the classrooms this week so you can see how they will be for the children. Next Friday we will write to you again prior to school opening with any additional information which we feel is important for you to be aware of. However, if you have any questions please email the office and we will respond to them in the next letter.

As you can see we have put many measures in the school to help with a smooth and careful transition back to school and these will all be subject to review as we get the children settled back into classrooms.

Yours sincerely

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