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Dear Parent/Carer,

The school closure announcement came rather quickly in March and we would never have thought that most children would not be returning until September 2020. Thank you to everyone who kept their children at home. This was the safest course of action for staff and children. I know, especially in the last few weeks, that many of you have asked if your children can return. Unfortunately, we were advised that we should have the fewest number of children in school and we could only have certain year groups, decided by the government, for the last four weeks.

Thank you to all of the children who have been working hard and accessing all of their school work set by their teacher. All of the staff have been working hard throughout the closure period to prepare for their new classes in September and to ensure a bespoke and thorough curriculum is offered.

A huge amount of safety measures have been put in place for the pupils and staff that are attending. With all pupils attending in September, without exception, we will be putting further measures in place. These include:

- Children being in class bubbles
- Regular and thorough handwashing
- Entry to classrooms via external doors- for most classes
- Regular school equipment and facility cleaning
- Access and entry at staggered times
- Lunches in classrooms (Lunch menu will have only 2 choices)
- Separated areas on yard/field

Anyone with symptoms, however well they are, will be not be allowed to come to school, and children and staff will need to be tested.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer a Breakfast Club for September, although this will be reviewed in accordance with updated government advice. Tea Club will continue but we are unable to have any curriculum staff clubs, due to 'bubble' mixing of children.

School returns on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

Which door and when?

Class	Where to drop and collect	Time to drop	Time to collect
Nursery	Nursery Gate	8.50am	3.15pm or 12 (part days)
Reception/Year 1	Year 1 exit door	9.15am	3.10pm
Year 2	Class 2 door	9.10am	3pm
Year 3	Normal Pupil Entrance	9.05am	3.15pm
Years 4/5	Miss Wallace's exit door	9.05am	3.05pm
Years 5/6	Class 5 door	9am	3.05pm

Only 1 parent to drop off and collect children please. Please maintain social distancing and stay behind the school fence. Please wait until your child's teacher opens the door to let your children in. We know that there may be difficulties for parents who have more than one child.

If you are late, please do not come into the entrance of the school. You need to phone school to let us know that you are here and we will make arrangements for your child's entry to the school.

We hope that you all have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing all of the children back in their school uniforms and with PE kits, school bags and water bottles in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clements

Head Teacher