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WIDER OPENING OF SCHOOL – YEAR 1

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 1 children,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well.

Using Government guidance our school has undertaken a risk assessment and put in place a range of measures to create a safer environment for children and staff. Like many schools, we have remained open to the children of key workers and vulnerable children - protective measures have been put in to place for these children already.

We appreciate that the return to school may cause anxiety for some of you, particularly as it will be so different from the school you left in March. It is important for you to have an understanding of what a return to school might look like for your child as this will help you in finalising your decision about whether you would like your child to return. Please note that there will be no penalties for parents and carers of children who do not attend.

Please be aware that our school will operate as a very different environment from before the lockdown period. Our plans are based around observing social distancing guidelines as well strict and robust hygiene measures.

Please read the following pages for more information. We have planned for the first two weeks of wider opening initially and will send information about future weeks once we have confirmed plans with leaders and governors.

In addition to this, there is a Frequently Asked Questions document and there are videos of the classrooms and procedures to be followed on our school website in the Covid-19 Wider Reopening of School section. Please take time to read through the documents provided and watch the videos with your child so that you know what to expect.

If you have any questions, please contact us by email or by phone.

We look forward to seeing you next week,

Mrs S. Pecheur
Head Teacher

Dates to attend

The classes will attend on a rota basis due to the space we have available.

Monday 15 th	Class 1CT
Tuesday 16 th	Class 1R
Wednesday 17 th	Class 1S
Thursday 18 th	Class 1CT
Friday 19 th	Class 1R

Monday 22 nd	Class 1S
Tuesday 23 rd	Class 1CT
Wednesday 24 th	Class 1R
Thursday 25 th	Class 1S
Friday 26 th	No classes – review in school and deep clean

What to bring

- Children may bring their own stationery in a pencil case if they choose, providing they do not share it.
- A water bottle and healthy snack for break time can be brought if you choose.
- Packed lunch for any children who usually have one.

What to wear

- Uniform should be worn if it is available, otherwise, clothing in the school colours.
- These clothes will be worn for physical activity as well as in the classroom.
- Suitable footwear for PE, such as trainers, should be worn.

Start of the Day

- Year 1 children will arrive in school at **9.00am**, the gate will be open until **9.15am**.
- All entry to school is through the Wheelers Lane entrance.
- One parent or carer can come with their child.
- There will be a queuing system on the path at the entrance, please stand on a marked line to maintain 2 metres distance between you and other families.
- A teacher will open the gate at 9.00am and welcome the children in.
- The children will be shown where to line up with their bubble group.
- If your child is distressed about coming in, please comfort and encourage them in ways that teachers cannot do safely. If they cannot be calmed enough to enter the gate, you may be asked to take them back home.
- Parents and carers will leave following the one-way system, walking down the drive.
- The drive will be closed to vehicles during this time to enable safe exit.
- At 9.15am, the gate will be locked, and children will be taken to their classroom by the adult working with them.

Entering the Classroom

- Children may not be in their usual classroom.
- Children will enter the classroom one at a time, take their belongings to their place, then wash their hands and return to their seat.
- Each child will keep their belongings in their area.

In the Classroom

- Each child will have their own table placed 2 metres from others.
- There is a teacher area which children should not enter.
- There will be a maximum of 10 children in each bubble.
- There is an empty area by the sink to enable safe handwashing.

Learning

- Learning activities will focus on basic skills in English and Maths, PSHE and PE.
- Follow up tasks will be available on the website to complete at home.

Moving Around School

- Children will walk on the left.
- Each Year Group is in a separate area of the school to avoid meeting in corridors.
- Bubble groups on the same corridor will walk in the same direction at the same time.

Break Time

- Each bubble will be taken outside for break time by a Senior Leader.
- There will be designated zones of the playground for each bubble to use.
- There will be a box of play equipment available for each bubble group to use. This will be cleaned after use.
- The large play equipment will not be available as it requires cleaning.

Lunch Time

- Lunch time will be at 11.30pm.
- The children will spend half an hour in their classroom having lunch and doing indoor activities.
- For children having a school dinner, they will be taken to the hall to collect their lunch and return to the classroom to eat.
- At 12.00pm the children will have half an hour playtime outside, as at break time, they will have a designated area and a set of play equipment.

End of the Day

- The school day for Year 1 children will end at **3.00pm**.
- Children will line up in their bubble groups inside the playground.
- A teacher will unlock the gate and dismiss the children to a parent or carer. The gate will be open until 3.15pm.

Cleaning and Hygiene

- Touch points around school will be cleaned hourly.
- Toilets will be cleaned after each break time and lunch time and at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Hand washing will be done each time children enter the classroom.
- Hand sanitiser will be available in classrooms, at the gate and by the toilets.

Illness

- If a child or member of staff shows coronavirus symptoms whilst on site, they will need to be absent from school for 7 days and their household will need to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Any child complaining of feeling unwell will be isolated in the library until they, and any siblings, are collected.
- A parent or carer will be called to collect their child if they complain of feeling unwell.
- Where Covid-19 symptoms are evident, you will be advised to book a test. Your child will not be permitted to return until a negative test result is confirmed, and they are symptom free, or, if the test is positive, they have reached the end of the isolation period and are symptom free.
- If a child or member of staff in a bubble tests positive, everyone in the bubble will be required to self-isolate in line with the guidance above.

Behaviour

- Unsafe behaviour, such as not following the rules of social distancing, will not be tolerated as this will pose a risk to other children and staff.
- Children who do not respect the rules that are there to keep everyone safe will be spoken to by senior leaders and parents contacted.
- An update to our behaviour policy has been written to explain this further and is available on our school website.

Contact with teachers

- Parents and carers will not be able to enter the school site unless coming to collect an ill child.
- Phone calls and emails will be used for communication.
- There will be no face-to-face meetings between teachers and parents.