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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of a particularly challenging year, we would like to thank you for your support and flexibility. Due to CO-VID restrictions, we have had to make many changes to the operational running of our schools in order to comply with these rules and regulations.

According to the most recent information given to schools by the Government, we are hopeful that the next academic year will allow us more freedom to decide how we will operate on a day-to-day basis. We know that the main measures to provide a safe environment for our school communities include enhanced hygiene practices e.g. handwashing more often, good ventilation and continued testing for school staff and secondary aged pupils. Bubbles, or keeping pupils separated from each other will no longer be a requirement.

As leaders we have analysed the changes that we had to make and reviewed our past and current practices. The following information has been decided on the basis of the knowledge we currently have from the Government and from our review work. If the Government advice and guidance changes during the summer holidays then we will write again at the end of August, before the term starts.

Start of the school day

The school gates will open at 8.40am and pupils will go straight into class. Learning activities will be available for your child once they get to their classroom. The gates will close at 8.55am. Pupils are allowed to arrive anytime between 8.40am and 8.55am. Any pupil arriving after 8.55am will be marked as late. This will be very similar to the current drop off practice at the start of the day.

School day Timings

Collective worship time: 9.55am (whole school worship will be permitted)

Morning break time: 10.45am-11am (Pupils will be allowed to mix again across the year groups and play in the areas that they choose.)

Lunchtime: 12pm-1pm

End of the day – home time

All classes will finish at 3.10 pm. Pupils will be led out to the MUGA and playground space by their teachers. Parents will be allowed onto the premises to collect their child/ren from the relevant class line. Details informing parents of where to collect their child will be sent out by 2nd September.

PE Kits

Pupils will return to pre-CO-VID procedures and be expected to bring their PE kit to school on a Monday and take it home to be washed on a Friday. It is expected that all pupils will wear school PE kit which consists of a plain white T-shirt and dark coloured shorts.

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School Uniform

For various reasons, we have allowed some exceptions to school uniform this academic year. From September, the expectation is for all pupils to arrive at school dressed smartly in their correct uniform wearing black shoes.

- Grey skirt or trousers or pinafore dress, dark yellow polo shirt, burgundy sweatshirt and/or a dark grey fleece
- Safe, flat sensible shoes or trainers – black in colour
- Small studs and a wrist watch if child can tell the time
- In the summer grey school shorts and red (not pink) checked dresses can be worn

Meet the teacher meetings:

You will be invited into school to meet your child's teacher in week 2 or 3. This is an opportunity for them to share with you the plans for your child's class. These will be held after school at 3.30pm. More details to follow. The first parents' evening will be held after the October half term and this will be using School Cloud and held on- line.

Parents in school

We are looking forward to inviting parents back into school for a variety of activities. Parent workshops will be held again as well as opportunities for parents to hear children read and volunteer for visits. Parents will be allowed to visit the admin offices in person, however there will be a two parent limit in our foyer. It is expected that parents wanting to speak with the office staff will queue outside until their turn to enter the building.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils, staff and families for all the extra effort that has been needed to overcome so many challenges this year. We are looking forward to a new year which will hopefully be a full and enjoyable one.

We do hope you enjoy the summer break and spending time together as a family.

Kind regards

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