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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We are looking forward to starting a new and hopefully better year than the last one!

Over the last few days there has been a lot of new information around the return to school for Primary settings. It is our intention to open fully from tomorrow, Tuesday, 5th January 2021, for all pupils. We will, of course, continue to monitor the DFE and Government advice and inform you immediately if changes are made.

In the meantime it is vital that we maintain our infection control and social distancing measures when we welcome back all pupils and staff. To ensure everyone's safety, we will continue to follow our risk management plan:

- Anyone who is unwell and displaying symptoms of coronavirus will be asked to stay at home for seven days
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene practices will be encouraged and enforced
- Enhanced cleaning will be undertaken as necessary, including cleaning any frequently touched surfaces throughout the day
- The NHS 'Test and Trace' system will be actively used and followed
- Limitations will be placed on the number of people staff and pupils encounter during the school day
- Large gatherings will not take place; e.g. whole school collective worship
- Pupils will be grouped together in their class bubbles and asked to remain in these groups
- Contact between groups will be avoided - start and finish times, break times and lunches times will be staggered
- Classrooms will be arranged to allow for social distancing and where possible desks will be arranged to minimise face-to-face interaction between pupils.
- Pupils will be asked to remain at least two metres away from members of staff, where practical

It is extremely important that all parents and pupils remain vigilant with regard to preventing, identifying and minimising the spread of coronavirus. We ask, therefore, that you do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

It is also important that you do not send your child to school if somebody in your household has tested positive for, or has symptoms of, coronavirus.

As a precaution, your child must not come into school for 10 days after coronavirus has been identified in your household.

Please notify the school office via telephone as soon as possible if your child, or somebody in your household, is showing symptoms of coronavirus and your child cannot come into school. You may be advised to get your child tested for coronavirus and to notify the school of the result. See below for information on accessing a test.

Accessing Testing

All pupils, and members of their households, will be able to access a test if they are displaying symptoms of coronavirus. If your child is displaying symptoms, we would strongly advise that you access a test.

There is information about how you can access a test on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>. Where possible, we will provide a home testing kit for you to ensure that your child and other members of your household can easily access a test.

If your child is sent home from school with symptoms and subsequently takes a test, you must inform the school of the results as soon as possible. If the test is negative, your child can return to school when they feel better. If the test is positive, your household will need to continue the self-isolation period. We encourage you to inform the school immediately of test results.

You may also need to engage with the NHS Test and Trace programme, meaning that you need to be ready and willing to:

- Book a test if your child or another member of your household displays symptoms.
- Provide details of anyone your child has been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus or are asked by NHS Test and Trace.
- Allow your child to self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus symptoms or someone who tests positive.

Pod Start Times Reminder

Group	Arrival time	Pick-up time
Explorers (N/R)	8.45 - 8.50 am	2.50pm
Adventurers (Y1/2)	8.55 - 9.00am	3.00pm
Voyagers (Y3/4)	8.45 - 8.50 am	2.50pm
Pioneers (Y5/6)	8.55 - 9.00am	3.00pm

Please note, in order to prevent the need for parents to wait in the yard for doors to open, from tomorrow each class teacher will welcome children in from 5 minutes before their class start time as per the table above. If any parent would feel more comfortable wearing a mask during drop off and pick up then please do not hesitate to do so.

Please walk through the gate, drop your child at the door and continue through the one way system without waiting on the yard. We understand that some families may need to walk around the school twice if they have children who start at separate times, however we would encourage you to do this to keep the congregation of groups to a minimum.

At the end of the day, once you have picked up your child, please leave the school grounds immediately via the car park gate, again avoiding congregating at the exit as it is a public road and access is required at all times.

Nursery Parents please note that pick up that the half day pickup time is 12.30pm at the school yard gate.

We look forward to welcoming you all back tomorrow.

Kind regards

Suzanne Connolly

Head Teacher