

1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, we look forward to welcoming the children (and you) back to school. We would also like to extend a welcome to our new families and children who will be joining the school community,

Since the 15<sup>th</sup> July, when the previous email was sent, the Government updated their guidance for full opening of schools (28<sup>th</sup> August) and this document can be found [here](#). Our Risk Assessment has also been reviewed to take these changes into account.

As previously explained, the emphasis going forward is for the school to mitigate the risk and transmission of COVID-19 through various measures and we would like to remind you of some procedures that will be different to how we have previously operated.

#### Beginning and the End of the School Day

- Swans & Owls children and parents - please use the gate by ABC Preschool and wait on the playground/field near that end of the school.
- At 8.40am, the Swans will line up and go in via the 'field' door to the classroom (for 2020-2021, they will be located in the current Owls classroom). There will be hand sanitiser to be used on arrival.
- At 8.45am, the Owls will line up and go in through the 'practical area' door (they will be located in the current Swans classroom), likewise, there will be a hand sanitizer station for the children to use.

If you have younger children, you can use the field path to go to the next class.

- Kingfishers and Woodpeckers children and parents, please use the usual gate.
- At 8.40am, the Kingfishers children will be collected by a member of staff and they will use their normal gate and door.
- At 8.50am, the Woodpeckers, who will be asked to wait on the field by their door will be collected by a member of staff.
- At the end of the day - same gates apply; the Swans and the Kingfishers will be released at 3.10pm, the Owls at 3.15pm and the Woodpeckers will be released at 3.20pm. Parents will be asked to wait on the field apart from the Kingfishers' parents.

Please may we ask that you come at your allotted time as we will endeavour to get the children into their classes as quickly as possible; children arriving late will not be allowed to use the office entrance. We are very lucky to have lots of outside space, so whilst waiting, (in the mornings or evenings) please remain in your family group and observe social distancing. We ask that you leave as quickly as possible to allow us to lock the relevant gates. We understand you may be dropping/collecting children off at various classrooms, but we have tried to minimise the need for trying to juggle dropping your children off at the same time!

#### Bubbles (Groupings)

- We will continue to operate in 'bubbles' as we did during the partial re-opening. There will be a Year R-3 bubble and a Year 4-6 bubble. Each bubble will share a cloakroom and practical area and each bubble will have a separate break time and lunchtime. All the children may be outside during lunch break, but the children will stay apart on allocated parts of the field and playground. Where possible, throughout the day, children will be in their respective classrooms/outside area, with as much space and ventilation as possible. There will be minimal movement around the school and, for the foreseeable future, there will be no whole

school assemblies or events. PE lessons will still take place, with the intention of most of these happening outside.

- All children in Years 4-6 will be facing forwards, rather than facing each other. In Years 2/3, the children will sit around their usual tables. The distance across the tables has been measured and we consider this to be a safe option. In Year R and 1 there will be enough tables for the children to 'work' at, but they will have ample space to move around, including the use of the outside area. There is recognition in the DFE guidance that 'younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group'; we have taken this into consideration with our planning.
- Within each class, all children will have their own individual wallets which will contain essential items, such as a pencil, rubber, ruler, whiteboard and pen. Other resources, such as maths resources will be kept, where possible, in individual classrooms. Tissues will be readily available and there will be a first aid kit in each classroom. If resources are shared between classes and bubbles, we will ensure they are cleaned between use and where possible, we will leave them 48 hours (72 for plastics) before they are used by another class.
- Children should only bring in essential items, such as their water bottle (please name), PE kits (\*see below), lunch box and reading book and diary. We are asking, due to limited space in the classrooms and cloakrooms, please can the children in Year R-3 have a book bag or a plastic wallet to carry their items and please refrain from bringing backpacks.
- Children will need to wear their usual school uniform (please label all items) and school shoes and bring trainers and wellies for outside.
- The water fountains will continue to be out of action and therefore water bottles (which can be re-filled throughout the day) are required.
- We are still waiting for confirmation as to whether the fruit and vegetables scheme for Years R-2 will be back up and running, so we ask that your child has a healthy snack to eat at break times. Please remember we are a nut-free school.
- There will be regular hand washing/sanitising throughout the day (returning from breaks, before and after lunch, after using the cloakrooms) and reminders of maintaining good hygiene. Surfaces, toilets, handles and taps will be wiped regularly throughout the day.
- First aid such as cuts and bumps will be administered by staff within individual bubbles.

### Communication with Staff

- As most of you will be aware, our staff have always been approachable at the beginning and the end of the school day. Unfortunately, this will have to change for the time being. Staff are still very keen to support families and your children's learning and listen to concerns or news, but it will not be possible to have these informal chats for the time being. If you need to pass a message on, you can email/phone the office and they will ensure the note is passed to the relevant teacher or you can contact Miss Jones via Tapestry (Kingfisher parents). You can also post letters in the external post box by the office door.
- If you do need to go to the school office, there should be only one person in the lobby at any one time. If you need to wait, please observe social distancing. Many thanks.
- If your child shows any reluctance in coming into school, we are still unable to support you in coaxing them in, as we have to maintain social distancing. However, we can reassure you that they are fine once they are in!

## Lunches

- School will be able to provide a lunch, however, the menu will be restricted and children will receive their lunch in a 'box', which they will collect and take to their table. There will be limited flexibility, such as butter or no butter on sandwiches; gravy or no gravy on meals and garlic mayo or no garlic mayo, however we cannot differ greatly from the menu. Pick and Mix will be replaced by a school packed lunch. KS2 bubble will start their lunch @11.55am and KS1/EY @12.15pm. Tables, chairs and surfaces will be cleaned between groups.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Margherita Pizza with potato wedges and rainbow salad (V)	Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese and /or Beans and Rainbow Salad (V)	Roast Chicken (or vegetarian alternative), stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots, peas and Gravy	Jack Potato with Beef Bolognese and/or cheese and Broccoli	Fish Fingers (or vegetarian Alternative), Chips and garden peas or beans
Option 2	Cheese or Ham Sandwich, Carrot Batons, Popcorn, Orange Wedges and Ice Cream Tub	Cheese or Egg Sandwich, Cucumber Sticks, Sultana Bag, Melon Wedge and Beetroot Brownie	Cheese or Tuna Mayo Roll, Carrot Batons, Popcorn, Orange Wedges and Apple Flapjack	Cheese or Ham Sandwich, Cucumber Sticks, Sultana Bag, Apple Wedges and Berry Muffin	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Carrot Batons, Popcorn, Orange Wedges, and Bitesize Cocoa Oatcake
Dessert	Ice Cream Tub	Beetroot Brownie	Apple Flapjack	Berry Muffin	Bitesize Cocoa Oatcake and Orange Wedges
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Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Breaded Chicken in a wrap with garlic mayo, Potato Wedges, Lettuce and Cucumber	Jacket Potato with cheese and/or beans or tuna with rainbow salad	Sausages (or vegetarian sausage) yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrots, garden peas and gravy	Cheesy Pasta with Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers with chips and garden peas or baked beans.
Option 2	Cheese or Ham Sandwich, Carrot Batons, Popcorn, Orange Wedges and Bitesize Oaty Bar	Cheese or Egg Sandwich, Cucumber Sticks, Sultana Bag, Melon Wedge and Dinky Donuts	Cheese or Tuna Mayo Roll, Carrot Batons, Popcorn, Apple Wedges and Ice Cream Tub	Cheese or Ham Sandwich, Cucumber Sticks, Sultana Bag, Orange Wedges and Orange Cupcake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Carrot Batons, Popcorn, Melon Wedge and Mini Shortbread
Dessert	Bitesize Oaty Bar	Dinky Donuts	Ice Cream Tub	Orange Cupcake	Melon Wedge and Mini Shortbread
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On Thursday 3rd September, the menu will be Margherita Pizza with potato wedges and rainbow salad (V) and an ice cream tub or Cheese or Ham Sandwich, Carrot Batons, Popcorn, Orange Wedges and Ice Cream Tub.

On Friday 4th September, the menu will be Fish Fingers (or vegetarian Alternative), Chips and garden peas or beans, melon wedge and mini shortbread or Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Carrot Batons, Popcorn, Melon Wedge and Mini Shortbread.

#### Breakfast Club

- This will still be offered by Premier Education and will run from the first day back - Thursday 3rd September. They will be observing social distancing and class 'bubbles'. If you require any further information, please contact them directly.

#### After School Club

- Mrs Jarrett will be providing an after school club and for the foreseeable future, this will be running from the school.

### PE Kits

- All children will need a PE kit - navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt and navy sweatshirt. Please note the children will be conducting the majority of their PE lessons outside.

### After school Club

- Joe will be offering a football club for Owls and Swans after school on a Wednesday and one for Years 1-3 on a Friday. Both will run from 3.25pm-4.25pm. Flyers will be sent out at the end of the week.

### Nut-Free School

- Please may we remind you that we are a **nut-free school**.

### General Information regarding Health

- We will not be taking the children's temperature upon arrival.
- If your child has a temperature, please do not send them to school or give Calpol /paracetamol prior to school which may artificially lower a child's temperature thus masking possible Covid symptoms.
- The government is not recommending universal use of face coverings in all schools. ***'Primary School children will not need to wear a face covering ...Based on the current evidence and the measures that schools are already putting into place, such as the system of controls and consistent bubbles, face coverings will not be necessary in the classroom even where social distancing is not possible. Face Coverings would have a negative impact on teaching and their use in the classroom should be avoided'***. Regular school staff and children will not be asked to wear face masks/face covering.
- There is clear guidance on what school staff have to do in the event of a child or member of staff showing COVID symptoms; these are here (taken from within the guidance document itself – please follow the links for more information).

Finally...

Staff have been working hard over the summer to ensure the school is ready for re-opening and we are really looking forward to welcoming you back again.

There will be further correspondence once we are up and running again, but in the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to

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Headteacher