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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to provide you with more information about our plans for the new term.

### Start dates

P2-7 pupils will begin on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August. P1 pupils will begin on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Please note the change of date for P1 starting. **School will be closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August for all pupils as it is a Bank Holiday.**

### Health and safety

It is the school's priority at all times to ensure the wellbeing of our school community. Pupils will be organised in 'Protective Bubbles'. This means that they will be taught, eat and play with only the pupils in their class during the school day and will not interact with pupils from other classrooms.

Pupils will be washing their hands regularly during the school day and taught to use the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach to hygiene.

Parents will not be able to enter the school building and should socially distance at all times when dropping off and collecting their child(ren).

School uniforms should be regularly washed and pupils should be able to handle all fastenings independently. Pupils will no longer be required to change into plimsolls on arrival or during the school day.

To assist with health and safety routines each child should bring in:

- One box of tissues
- One container of liquid soap
- One packet of antibacterial wipes

### Arrival to school

There will be three separate arrival points for pupils:

P1/2/3 - use the door leading to the cloakrooms

P4/5 - use their classroom door at the rear of the school

P6/7 - use the main school entrance

Pupils should arrive to school between 8:40am and 9am and go straight to their classrooms.

### Collection from school

P1 will finish at 12:30pm

P2 will finish at 1:45pm

P3 will finish on a Monday at 2:25pm and Tuesday - Friday at 1:45pm.

To aid social distancing there will be staggered collection times for the following year groups:

- P3 (Monday), P4 and older siblings – 2:25pm
- P5 and older siblings – 2:35pm
- P6 and P7 – 2:45pm

Parents/guardians should park and walk up to the school building to collect their child(ren) from their entrance points. Please collect the children on time, ensuring social distancing and leave promptly to allow the next group of parents time to park and collect their children.

### School meals

There will be no school meals for the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> August. All pupils should bring in a packed lunch. Please use a washable plastic lunch box or disposable bag/container for lunches. For those who receive Free School Meals, the Summer Food Payment scheme will continue until the end of August to cover the cost of packed lunches.

### After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs until further notice.

### Resources

Pupils should bring in:

P2/3 – two pencils, a rubber and a packet of Twistables

P4-7 – two pencils, rubber, sharpener, ruler and colouring pencils.

These items will remain in school and will not be brought home on a daily basis.

I appreciate that there are many changes to normal school life detailed within this letter, however it is our aim to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please begin to discuss these arrangements with your child(ren) as together we prepare for the new term.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Wright