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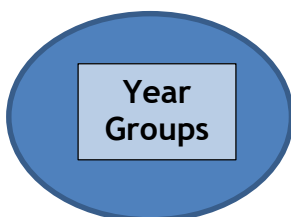
Re-opening Arrangements September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to inform you of the school's plans to welcome back our full cohort of pupils on Thursday 3rd September 2020 following the Government's announcement. These plans are based on the subsequent [guidance](#) issued and revolve around **minimising contact** whilst delivering a **broad and balanced curriculum** through **full-time education**.

Whilst we are excited about welcoming all of our pupils back, our provision is still governed by the need for strict hygiene and other protective measures; school will still **not be back to normal**. The following information will be sent out again before the start of term and please be aware that it is subject to change given the rapidly evolving environment around Covid-19.

Key Information



We are organising our school into 4 bubbles wrapped around each year group. This will allow children to play with everyone in their year group at break and lunchtimes. Most of their time inside will be based in classes. Bubbles must not mix so that in the event of a positive case of Covid-19, Public Health England may advise only that bubble to close (rather than the whole school).



In order to minimise contact between bubbles, we will need to stagger the start and finish times - teaching time will be the same for every year group. Please plan to walk to school or park in the main Asda car park to minimise congestion outside school.

Year Group	Arrive	Depart
3	8:30-8:40am	3:00-3:10pm
4	8:40-8:50am	3:10-3:20pm
5	8:50-9:00am	3:20-3:30pm
6	9:00-9:10am	3:30-3:40pm



We do not underestimate the challenges that children and their parents have faced over the past few months. Your experiences will have been all very different and are unique to your family. In order to manage the return, we will be delivering a Recovery Curriculum in the first few weeks of the Autumn term to more smoothly manage the transition back into full-time education. This will involve a combination of baseline assessments, emotional and well-being support so that we can get all back up to speed quicker over the course of the coming year.



WHAT TO EXPECT

Attendance

Full-time attendance and punctuality is expected. We will allow a settling-in period of two weeks for parents to engage fully with the school with any issues which might prevent attendance (such as anxiety for example). However, we are confident in the measures we are putting in place to mitigate the risks, and therefore expect every child to be in school full-time to receive their right to an education. Please use the StudyBugs App (free) to report any child's absence.

Studybugs 

Covid-19 Symptoms



Anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or has someone in their household who does, **must not attend school**. This means if your child, or someone in your household, has symptoms you must not send them to school. **If you are in any doubt, please do not send your child into school**. You must engage with the NHS Test and Trace process so that cases can be identified and action taken - this means if your child develops symptoms, you should arrange for them to get a test and you should inform your child's school of the results of that test. We understand that this approach is different to the usual advice (before Covid-19) where we would attempt to manage children feeling under the weather in school. If your child is not attending school because they (or someone in their household) has symptoms, then this absence will be authorised so long as you engage fully with the school.

Remote Learning



All children will be set up with their own Microsoft 365 account. This will enable us to deliver live but remote BFJS lessons via Microsoft Teams in the event of a yeargroup or whole school closure. The Oak Academy will still be running next year and this will be signposted as back-up or in the event of individuals self-isolating.

Other Key Headlines

- Children in class will be sat in front-facing rows to minimise the risk of transmission - they can bring in their own water bottle, snack and sanitiser gel
- Handwashing will still be routinely used throughout the day
- Social distancing between adults and children will be in operation
- There is no need for children to wear PPE in school
- Regrettably, no before and after school clubs will operate for the Autumn term
- The Infant school will be running the Early-Birds and Night-Owls wraparound care
- Hot lunches will be available in the hall each day at the same price of £2:20
- Full uniform is expected. We will communicate PE days to you and the children can attend in their PE kit on those days
- In order to keep children and adults safe, we need to have some additional behaviour expectations in September - we will communicate these to you before the start of term
- Our full risk assessment will be published on our website shortly
- Parents and carers can only enter the school building by prior appointment. Please use the quick-drop box on the gate to deliver letters or return forms

Yours faithfully,



Ross McTaggart

Executive Headteacher

