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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID Update: Next Phase of returning to normal (From Monday 17th May)

We have now had the children back in school full time for seven weeks and I am pleased that the situation nationally continues to improve. COVID cases have dropped dramatically over recent months and we now continue our steps towards 'normal' school life for children, staff and parents. We will continue to monitor the situation very closely as well as follow any updated guidance from the Government. This letter reflects the new guidance which we received yesterday and I can confirm that there are very few changes to be made to our current way of working during the pandemic.

Clubs

Breakfast club has resumed and is available every morning from 7.40am. Numbers have been steadily increasing and we hope this continues to be the case over the coming weeks. Please book your child onto this club via ParentPay. After school clubs which are run by coaches and teachers have also returned to normal.

Lunchtimes

We will revert to our usual procedures for lunchtimes. KS1 will have their lunches in the hall at 12:00pm and KS2 will be in the hall from 12:30pm.

- Tables will be set out so that children can sit in their own class bubbles and spaces between the classes will be as wide as possible.
- Plenty of ventilation will be provided (doors and windows open).
- Children will remain seated and food will be delivered to their table in trays.
- Children who are having sandwiches will be encouraged to eat outside (they will sit in an area with their own bubble).
- When eating outside, both KS1 and KS2 can begin eating straight away at 12:00.
- Children will be encouraged to socially distance from each other and especially from children in other class bubbles.

Breaktimes

All children will have a breaktime at 10:30-10:45.

Drop off and collection arrangements

Whilst lining up at drop off and collection times, could I please ask you as parents and carers to keep to the social distancing recommendations to which we have become accustomed. Please could I also ask that everyone continues to support the following:



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- children are only to be dropped off by one member of their household;
- when approaching the school, and when waiting, families must ensure that they observe the 2 metre distancing rule;
- parents/carers must not gather in groups at the school entrances and are requested to leave promptly at drop off and collection;
- parents/carers must arrive at the allotted collection times to ensure there are not excess people waiting who have arrived too early;
- parents and children should always file through the one way system.

Drop off and collection times

Class	Arrival	Departure
Owl	8:30	15:00
Hedgehog	8:35	15:05
Fox	8:40	15:10
Badger	8:45	15:15
Otter	8:50	15:20
Deer	8:55	15:25

Reminders and Procedures

I thought it prudent to remind all families of our safety procedures and ask that you please continue to support all of these. We need to keep everyone safe and in following these, I hope that all classes will be able to remain open.

Symptoms of Covid-19

Any child or adult displaying symptoms of coronavirus is not permitted to enter the premises. The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough;
- a high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If anyone has any of the symptoms above they, and household members, should self-isolate at home and request a test.

Testing positive for COVID-19

In the event of a child or staff member testing positive for COVID-19, the school will take swift action and liaise with the Department for Education and Public Health South West, and their guidance will be followed.

Please can parents/carers immediately report a positive COVID-19 test result for a family member or close contact, to the school. Again, advice surrounding this will be sought from Public Health South West.



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Attendance

All children are expected to attend school each day, unless they have an authorised reason for absence.

Reporting absence

It is the parent/carers' responsibility to phone the school on 01761 470622 by **9.00am** on the day to report pupil absence. **It is very important that the reason for absence is shared.**

Remote Learning

In the event that your child is required to self-isolate, class teachers will ensure that work is uploaded to their Google Classroom.

Communication

Due to limited face to face communication, please can all queries and concerns be emailed to the school in the first instance.

Doors and ventilation

To increase ventilation within the school, windows will be open to increase ventilation in all spaces.

Face masks

Only two people are allowed in the school's reception area at any time. Please ensure that you wear a face covering when entering the school building. **Coming into school reception should be a last resort.**

It is no longer a statutory requirement for parents and carers to wear a mask outside when dropping off or picking up their children.

Hand washing

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important ways of preventing the spread of Covid-19. Children and adults will be expected to wash their hands or use sanitiser on entry to school in the morning and at other regular points during the day – break times and lunchtimes for example.

Risk Assessment

We are currently in the process of updating our risk assessment to reflect the most recent guidance from the Department for Education. This will be available to you on our website as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

Best wishes

Gareth Griffith
Headteacher



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