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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I am writing to give you key details about school next week and we will all be extremely pleased to have all of the children back to school! I see that the numbers of Covid-19 cases in Bath & North East Somerset have fallen from over 450 per 100,000 people to under 50 per 100,000 (a nine-fold reduction). School staff are also able to have 2 Rapid Covid-19 tests a week and of course some staff have been vaccinated as well, which feels like a massive step forward. In addition, we have not had any outbreaks at school, one bubble was closed due a member of staff having Covid-19. However; when there have been cases in our community, everyone has arranged for a test and has self-isolated. I think at this point, this is a significant achievement and I would like to thank everyone for behaving so sensibly.

As you can imagine, we already have established Covid-19 procedures across every aspect of school life. In addition, there will be very little change from school procedures in December before the latest lockdown. The key change will be the re-opening of our Breakfast and After School Clubs which can be booked on Parentpay– do phone the school office if you need any help with booking. Excitingly, the school kitchen, will be reopening on Monday so children can go back to having nutritious, hot school lunches if you require them. The lunches cost £2.60 but are free to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as well as for any children who qualify for free school meals. In times of financial challenge, I would recommend that you all take up your free school meals if you qualify. To reassure you all, the lunch hall is well ventilated, at less than 50% capacity, with children seated facing forwards and with bubbles seated and kept together.

It is important in this stage of the pandemic to carry on following the procedures that I am sure you already know.

Key points to remember and follow:

- 1. 1 adult or older sibling only to drop off/collect children**
- 2. All over 12s on our site to wear a face covering**
- 3. Maintain social distancing when on the school site, keeping your children next to you.**
- 4. Stick to the staggered drop-off and collection times**

I also wanted to add some information about our approach to learning and wellbeing. We will be looking to ease the children back into school for the first 2 weeks and we will prioritise wellbeing. I sincerely hope that all of the children will relax and feel much better once they have re-connected with their friends and teachers. Where parents, have concerns about learning, please do liaise with the class teacher and we really will work hard to support every child to catch up over time. Rest assured that



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we assess children regularly and have lots of systems to help children with their learning. If you have any concerns about your child please do contact the class teacher, Mr. Jones, Mr. Eaton or Mr. Gumm.

Key Information:

Attendance

All children are required to attend school **every day**, with the exception of nursery children.

Drop off and pick up times:

To minimise risk and to maintain social distancing the school day has had to be tweaked. It is essential that these times are kept to. **If you have more than one child attending our school please drop the children off at the earliest child's time and collect at the latest child's time promptly.**

Class	Drop off	Pick up
Nursery – Little Gems	9:00	3:00
Reception – Quartz	8:45	3:05
Year 1 – Amethyst	8:55	3:15
Year 2 – Aquamarine	9:00	3:20
Year 3 – Sapphire	8:45	3:10
Year 3/4 – Jade	8:50	3:15
Year 4 – Topaz	8:55	3:20
Year 5 – Amber	8:50	3:15
Year 6 – Ruby	8:45	3:10

The following measures will continue to be taken to try and reduce the possibility of Covid-19 transmission:

- No parents will be able to enter the school unless specifically invited
- Parents are expected to maintain social distancing outside of school and on the school site
- There will be a one-way system to prevent congestion
- Only one adult can accompany the child onto school premises
- Only essential items such as lunchboxes, coats, hats, book-bags should be brought into school

Uniform:

- Full school uniform is required. **If your child has grown during the lockdown, we have lots of pre-loved uniform which can be purchased for a small donation to FOSK (please contact the school office)**
- **Children to wear P.E. kits with a school jumper or cardigan on PE days and in some classes old clothes for visits to the Wild Willow Wilderness, once again with a school jumper or cardigan.**
- Face coverings, if worn due to travelling on public transport, should be removed before arrival. Children must be instructed not to touch the front of their face-covering during use or when removing it. They must wash their hands immediately on arrival and dispose of temporary face

coverings in our lidded bins, or putting reusable face coverings in a plastic bag, then in their bag.

- Gloves should not be worn, this is because they offer no protection unless changed after every activity and prevent good hand washing practices

In School:

- There will a strong focus on robust hand and respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it)
- There will be enhanced cleaning arrangements
- We will be actively engaging with NHS Test and Trace
- Windows and doors will be kept open as much as possible to aid good ventilation
- The children will be in class groups with Nursery & Reception as a bubble at play-times and Amethyst and Aquamarine operating as a larger bubble to allow successful Read Write Inc phonics group teaching
- Children will only spend time in their bubbles - there will not be any whole school assemblies, instead there will be videoed assemblies
- There will be a one-way system inside the school building
- Children will be seated side by side, facing forwards to help prevent aerial transmission
- Older children will be reminded to distance as best they can and not touch staff or peers
- We will focus on safety, hygiene, wellbeing and learning

Lunches and play time:

- The school kitchens will operate as normal
- Children will eat hot lunches in the hall with tables and chairs cleaned in-between children and seated 2 children per table.
- Children with packed lunches will eat in their classroom and tables will be cleaned before and after lunch
- Each bubble will have their own section of playground/field and unfortunately, will not be able to mix with their friends in other bubbles

Handwashing:

The children will be required to wash their hands throughout the school day

- On arrival in school
- Before and after snack
- After playtimes
- Before and after lunch
- After using the toilet
- Before and after using any shared resources i.e. art materials, maths and science equipment



Illness:

If you or anyone in your household has COVID 19 symptoms please keep your child at home and arrange for testing. **Pupils who are ill will be sent home.** Those showing even the mildest symptoms of COVID 19 will be isolated in the Meeting Room on their own with a member of staff 2m away with suitable PPE equipment. Parents/Carers will be expected to book household testing. The child will not be allowed back to school until the results are known. Should any child test positive for COVID 19 the Government guidelines will be followed. There is guidance on when a bubble cohort should be sent home and when a whole school would be. Any child or member of staff testing positive would be required to isolate for 10 days and anyone who is in their cohort would have to self-isolate for 10 days.

I understand that this lockdown has been very difficult and I would like to reiterate that we are really looking forward to seeing every single child. Finally, please do communicate any worries or concerns promptly and we will deal with them as a priority.

With best wishes

Steve Gumm
(Headteacher)