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## **To All Parents/Carers**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last few months have been quite extraordinary and we are busy planning and preparing school for September and our full re-opening. Guidance from both the government and the local authority is being amended all the time so some of the information I pass on in this letter might need updating in September, given the circumstances at that time.

First, I want to thank you all for your support over the course of the academic year. It's been very difficult but the pupils have been great, as always, and our staff really have gone the 'extra mile' to provide support over and above what is to be expected.

We say 'good bye' to Miss Whitby and Miss McCartan this week. Miss Whitby takes up a new post in Knowsley and Miss McCartan is returning to Northern Ireland. I want to thank them both for their commitment to our school and I am sure you will join me in extending our appreciation and best wishes for their careers in the future.

Whilst we are re-opening in September there are still restrictions in place and I want to outline a few things which are important for you to know:

- There will be no Breakfast Club or After School Club/Clubs in the first half of the Autumn term, at least
- Year groups will be classed as 'bubbles' (instead of class bubbles) so they will have playtime and eat lunch together
- There will be a staggered start to the school day; pupils in EYFS/KS1 should arrive between 8:40am-8:55am; pupils in KS2 should arrive between 8:55am-9:10am. If you have siblings in different key stages they should all come in during the earlier slot
- There will be a staggered finish to the school day. Pupils in EYFS/KS1 will finish between 2:45pm-3pm; pupils in KS2 will finish between 3pm-3:10pm. Again, if you have siblings in more than one key stage you should arrive to collect your children from 3pm, the later slot
- Additional cleaning will be undertaken throughout the whole of the school day. All classrooms have access to hand sanitiser and, the building was fitted with wall mounted hand sanitiser stations in all corridors several months ago

- From Year 2 to Year 6, pupils will be sat at desks, two pupils per desk, facing the front of the classroom
- All pupils will have set equipment on their desk just for them to use
- Visits to school: parents cannot attend without a prior appointment/phone call to keep external visitors to an absolute minimum, to protect staff and pupils
- Reading books: we ask that parents bring in any reading books children have had from school. Your child should place their reading book/library book in a box in their classroom. Will you please have a look for all our reading books at home as we are short of some sets, and we need to make sure we can cater for all pupils from September
- Uniform/PE kits: there are no changes to uniform this year but each day your child should wear a clean uniform to reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus. On your child's allocated PE day your child can wear school's PE kit all day (they come to school in their PE kit). This will be at least for the first half term. We will let you know in the first week back what day your child's PE lessons will be on
- Lunches: we will continue to provide hot school meals from September
- Coronavirus symptoms - as for now, and particularly when we return in September, all parents/children: if anyone has symptoms (new continuous cough and/or high temperature or loss of sense of smell or taste) in the last 7 days, or if you live with someone who has had symptoms in the last 14 days – you should not attend school under any circumstances
- A short video of what some of our classrooms look like will be shared on our website next week. Parents who are anxious about their child/children returning to school in September are encouraged to take a look at it to re-assure themselves
- Attendance: the government has announced that all children must return to school in September to minimise as far as is possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Missing out on school risks pupils falling further behind. In normal times we know that those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well. School attendance is therefore mandatory again from September

### **New Classes/Teacher**

A short video from your child's new class teacher is available on Seesaw from today. Here is a list of class teacher arrangements from September 2020. Each class is known by a tree name. Please see the list below for information:

<b>Current Year Group</b>	<b>Class Tree</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>New Tree</b>	<b>New Teacher</b>
			Oak	Mrs Sloan
			Elm	Mr Gilroy
Reception	<b>Oak</b>	Miss McCartan	Ash	Miss Donaghy
Reception	<b>Elm</b>	Mr Gilroy	Holly	Mrs Howson
Reception	<b>Ash</b>	Miss Whitby	Pine	Mrs Baker Houghton/Mrs Lucas

Yr 1	<b>Pine</b>	Mrs Grice	Cedar	Mrs Grice
Yr1	<b>Holly</b>	Mrs Howson	Fir	Mrs Roche
Yr 2	<b>Fir</b>	Mrs Roche	Beech	Miss Cussons
Yr2	<b>Cedar</b>	Miss Donaghy	Willow	Mrs Mawdsley/Mr Seddon
Yr 3	<b>Willow</b>	Mrs Mawdsley/Mr Seddon	Maple	Miss Torley
Yr 3	<b>Beech</b>	Miss Cussons	Birch	Mrs Whitehead
Yr 4	<b>Maple</b>	Miss Torley	Elder	Miss Leslie
Yr 4	<b>Birch</b>	Mrs Whitehead	Hazel	Miss Barker
Yr 5	<b>Hazel</b>	Miss Barker	Hawthorn	Mrs Bernstein
Yr 5	<b>Elder</b>	Miss Leslie	Sycamore	Mrs Baskerville

Finally, on behalf of the governors, pupils and teachers I wish you all a lovely summer holiday. Enjoy the break! I will see you all on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.40am-9:10am.

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher

