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Dear Parents/Carers

September 2020 Whole School Opening, Key Stage 1, Years 1 & 2

As you will be aware, from **Wednesday 2nd September 2020** the school will be **open to all children**.

To prepare for whole school opening, we will be implementing updated government guidelines to ensure our site is as safe as possible for children and adults. Please take note of some of the measures that we will put in place - and specifically the changes to your child's school day:

Year 1 Classes (Green Wing):	Start/Finish Times:	Entry/Exit Point
Classical Class, Ms Karim Country Class, Mr Peters	Registration: 8:50am	Main School Entrance. Please accompany children to classrooms
Year 2 Classes: (Green Wing, no longer Red Wing): Bhangra Class, Ms Southwell Reggae Class, Ms Smikle	Home Time: 3:10pm	
Years 1 & 2 Team Leader: Ms Rodenkirchen		

Wider Safety Measures:

The school's approach to site safety will be based on reducing contact between groups and supporting social distancing - while as far as possible providing a full and rich curriculum:

- All children in Key Stage 1 will be in their **Year Group Bubble** and will only mix with other children and adults in their bubble group. This will include class time learning, play times and lunch times. We will stagger timetables to support this
- Children will be supported in maintaining good habits in keeping reasonable distance from others within their bubble, for example, by more whole class teacher led learning and via front facing seating. However, children will no longer be required to remain at a specific distance from other children within their bubble
- Children will have scheduled hygiene breaks to allow for frequent handwashing and we will continuously raise their awareness of hygiene (including respiratory hygiene – *Catch, Kill It, Bin It*). Please support us by ensuring children also follow this at home
- Classes will share most learning resources and children will be able to take resources such as books home with them. There will be increased cleaning throughout the day and some frequent use items, such as pencils, will not be shared





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- Children will be able to bring to school personal items such as bags and lunchboxes but should not bring any non-essential items on to the school site
- Children should come to school in their full school uniform. Please see the school website for full details of uniform requirements
- In line with NHS Test and Trace guidelines, if a child presents symptoms of COVID-19, they will be taken to an assigned First Aid/isolation room within the school. Parents will be contacted and the child must take a test as soon as possible, returning to school if and when the test is confirmed as negative. The school will support families with testing arrangements as far as possible
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 within a group bubble, **all children and adults within the bubble will be required to isolate for 14 days from the last point of contact.** Distance Learning (on-line or via learning packs) will immediately resume for any groups affected
- There will be no midday closure on Wednesday. Daily school timings will be as above
- There will be increased daily site cleaning, including resources and frequent touch points around the school (such as door handles and light switches)
- We will continue to keep the number of visitors to the school to a minimum. If you need to contact us please do so via email or by telephone in the first instance.

Please do keep in mind that these arrangements are subject to change based on any guidance updates during the Summer holiday period and we will update you as necessary.

Finally, I appreciate that some parents may have on-going concerns around coronavirus risks, which we will of course work to address with you. It is also important to remember that full-time education is compulsory for all children and they rightly deserve the very best education that we can give them. In line with this, Local Authority penalties for non-attendance will resume in the Autumn Term.

The school will send you a reminder of all the information above closer to the end of the holiday, but in the meantime, do contact us if you have any questions you would like to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Ms Hussain
Head Teacher

