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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing with the latest information for the start back to school in a few days.

We will be open for key worker children on Monday 1st June as usual. However, we will be holding a staff training day in order to make sure staff working in school are fully up to date with the health and safety expectations in managing the social distancing, how to administer first aid as well as spending time making sure learning resources are prepared and working in the classrooms. We also have a great selection of safe games to play both inside the classroom and outside too.

The reception and key stage one bubble is being led by 4 very experienced LSAs. The children will know these ladies as well as they have other roles within the school. Mrs Hammond, Miss Cranfield, Mrs Bowman-Dove and Mrs Smith. Two members of staff will lead the morning session and two in the afternoons. These children will be based in Miss Miles' classroom which has excellent ventilation and access to the playground and field. The children will not be using the EYFS outdoor areas due to the amount of equipment but will be able to enjoy the playground and field spaces.

The key stage two bubble will be led by Miss Govey and Mr Mitchell and these children will be based in the hall.

In addition, Miss Miles will be on site each day delivering her online lessons to years 3 and 4 but can assist where needed.

Your child will be accessing the lessons their teacher has shared for that day. They will be able to use an iPad and have all the resources that they would need. The adults in their bubble will be able to support but will be expected to maintain the 2m social distancing rule.

The day will be timetabled in a similar way as stated in the home learning letter sent out last week.

Please ensure they wear Activewear so they are able to take part in Joe Wicks and have a good run around at playtimes and lunchtimes. It is important your child wears clean clothing each day. You may wish to take their clothes off and put them in the washing machine and put your child straight in the bath or shower to de-contaminate them from school once you are home.

Other things your child will need, please make sure everything is named:

- Pencil case
- Lunchbox (with items they can open independently)
- Drinks bottle/s (please send in as many as you like as the water fountain is switched off. They can top up with water in classrooms)
- A picnic blanket or towel for them to sit on at lunchtime to help them understand staying in their own space.
- Jumper or coat as the school is renowned for being windy! The children will have plenty of fresh air and running around time.

Arrivals and Collections:

In order to minimise the contact between adults, we have designed a turning circle on the field. Please drive into the bottom car park and continue through the second green gates. You will be met and asked to turn right and follow the red and white markers all the way around. Please stop and say goodbye to your child, who will then join their adult. Once the children have all been collected, they will be taken into the classroom. A similar process will happen at pick-up times. Please wait by your car and we will send your child over to you. Of course, if you need to speak with staff or vice versa there will be those opportunities at a safe distance. We have made a short video to demonstrate this.

We have staggered the times to enable the bubbles to remain separate. If you have children in both bubbles obviously you will be able to leave the KS1 child at the same time as the KS2 child.

Bubble Time in Time out

YR , 1 & 2 8.50 - 9am 2.45-3pm

Y6 & KW KS2 8.30am- 8.45am 3.15-3.30pm

If you know your child is attending on a part time basis, please advise the member of staff at the end of the day if they will not be in the following day.

Please could you have a chat with your child to remind them that they will be sitting at a table by themselves. They will not be able to touch other children or play with any equipment. They can have lots of fun down the hill. If they need first aid it will be given, but staff will put a mask, face shield and gloves on. We will also explain this gently to children.

Please keep a daily check of your child's temperature. We will not be doing this as the evidence seems to indicate that this is not always indicative of children carrying the virus as they are believed to often be asymptomatic. However, it is important to be vigilant. If your child is at all unwell you **MUST** inform us. We may have to ask the whole bubble and staff to self-isolate if symptoms of Covid-19 are shown. Testing for children over 5 is now available and Stansted Airport is a very convenient and easy testing centre for our locality.

If you have any other questions please let us know, hopefully we have covered everything here. We have conducted a thorough risk assessment and met with Jeremy Toynbee, our Chair of Governors to demonstrate all the processes and procedures being taken to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Yours faithfully

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