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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Government's announcement that all children will return to school in September, we have begun to put some details into our plan. We are still at an early stage as there is a lot to think about! In order to reduce the risk of transmission, new year group bubbles will be formed with smaller, class sized teaching bubbles within.

What I can tell you is that our school will formally re-open for all children on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, although there will be some transition arrangements in place for the new Reception children as they will start on half days. You will be sent the timings at the start and end of the school day before the end of term. I hope the children will look forward to coming back – we will certainly be pleased to see them again!

I hope you have enjoyed watching the staff videos, introducing your children to their new teachers. These are available on the website. We are in a world of rapidly changing guidance and you will notice that where your children have been shown to line up in the video may not be where they will be lining up in September! It is very important that parents and children remain socially distant when travelling to and from school. Visitors to the school site need to continue to be kept at a minimum therefore parents will not be able to come onto the site unless absolutely necessary. All gates allow visibility to check your child has gone through the gates once you have said your goodbyes. There will be a member of staff to help at each gate.

Along with the formal re-opening in September, the legislation around attendance is also coming back into force. This means that children must attend every day that they can and that the school will need to monitor attendance daily. Term-time holidays will not be authorised: I am conscious that this may cause an issue to some parents, for example, if a holiday earlier in the year was cancelled and your holiday company has offered you vouchers with a time limit. We are keen to ensure that children do not miss any more education, so encourage you to take your holidays during the summer break. Please also remember that returning from some countries will require you to go into quarantine, which includes not attending school. It will be necessary to ensure that your quarantine period finishes before 7<sup>th</sup> September.

On our return, we will be focussing on settling the children back into routines, supporting them in re-establishing good attitudes towards learning, making friendships again, dealing with any anxieties they may have connected with the virus and re-building relationships. Alongside this, we will be finding out what they can remember about what they learnt last year and during lockdown at home and what gaps there are that we need to address. We will be working on making up the lost learning time over the course of the year, with the aim that the majority of children will be back on track by the summer of 2021.





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School will be as normal as we can make it, with some of the adjustments we have had in place during the last month being removed, whilst others remain. These will be aimed at reducing the risk of infection transmission.

All of the information that you have kindly provided through the transition questionnaire has been passed on to your child's new class teacher(s). Staff will be having a break over the summer holidays but will be checking class emails during the last week of the summer break if you need to make contact. Please make sure you use the office@ email rather than class emails and your email will be passed on.

Kind regards,

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**Headteacher**

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