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Dear Parents

On Monday 8th June, we will be opening for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and children of key workers. **It is essential that you have let me know if you wish your child to return, via e mail.** We will not be opening on Fridays as this day will be used for a deeper clean and teacher planning for both groups of children - those in school and those continuing with home-schooling. These procedures are in-line with Local Authority guidance.

Children will be arranged in 3 'bubbles' and taught as follows, with current numbers in brackets:

- Reception & Year 1 - Mrs Pow & Miss Osborne (9 children)
- Year 6 - Mrs Tinniswood / Mr Armstrong (8 children)
- Other children of key workers - Mrs Watts & Mrs Taylor (7 children)

The school day will run from 8.45am until 3.30pm. We will **not** be providing breakfast or after-school clubs, in-line with guidance on distancing groups of children. School meals will be provided and eaten in each classroom. Outside break times will be staggered. On entering school in the mornings, Reception and KS1 children need to come in via the blue gates then walk around the back of the school, to enter directly into their classroom. KS2 children need to enter via the usual gate with Year 6 entering by the back fire door and other children entering into the cloakroom. Lockers will not be used - children will take their coats and packed lunch boxes straight into their class. As soon as children enter school, they will be sent to wash their hands. The washing of hands and use of sanitiser will be increased throughout the day and children will be taught the importance and procedures for this. Those requiring school lunches will order these from their class teacher NOT Mrs Dickinson. Staff will be on the playground to guide children into school. Parents will not be allowed into school and we ask that if you need to communicate with us on any matter, that you telephone, email or send a letter with your child. At the end of the day, we will mark areas on the playground where 1 parent of each child may wait until children are sent out. We strongly urge all parents to maintain social distancing in the village hall car park and when dropping children off.

Children will not need to wear uniform to school. We would like them to wear what we now refer to as 'active wear' which would be comfortable trousers such as jogging bottoms, shorts or leggings, a casual top and trainers. The 2 reasons for this are: 1- children need to have a change of clothes each day. Their clothes should be washed on return home as a safety precaution. 2 - we will be including many physical activities during the week, with at least 1 per day (weather permitting) and children will need to be able to move freely and safely in their clothing and footwear. They will need a waterproof coat.

Classrooms have been re-organised to space desks 2m apart. Excess furniture has been removed. Reception and Class 1 will work within the whole area with the dividing doors opened up to maximise space and distance the children. It includes a marked carpet area so that during carpet time, children can be at a distance whilst sitting on chairs. We will endeavour to help children understand about social distancing and

teachers will spend time talking to children about this. I must stress however, as recognised by the government, we cannot guarantee that children will always be able to maintain their 2m distance during the course of the day in more active sessions and continuous provision. We will not exceed 15 children in any classroom, in-line with government guidance.

Children must not bring a bag into school except for a packed lunch. We will not be sending reading books home on a daily basis. KS2 children will be issued with a selection of books to take home which are to stay at home until further notice. Teachers in Reception and Class 1 will listen to the children read regularly but these books will not be taken home. All children will be issued with pens, pencils and other equipment in a plastic zip bag/tray which will be labelled for their own personal use. Laptops and tablets will be allocated to each child and labelled for times when these are required. Children should bring their own water bottle which staff will refill if needed

The school day and curriculum will be slightly different. There will be no whole school collective worship. Teachers will hold a daily session each morning which will include this, alongside circle time activities directed at children's mental health and well-being. Children will be supported in work which mirrors the home learning, with maths and English in the mornings and cross-curricular topic work in the afternoons. These lessons will be flexible and where teachers feel children are struggling or having any anxieties about the situation, teachers will adapt their planning to address these issues. Year 6 children will cover transition to secondary school. Our main concern for the children returning, whilst resuming their learning of maths and English skills, is for their personal mental health and well-being. For those children not returning to school immediately, we will continue to put home schooling activities onto the school website, on the class pages, each week. Teachers will aim to respond weekly, to emails from children not at school, but this will not be as frequent due to their in-school commitments.

During the day, staff will be carrying out various cleaning procedures in the classrooms such as tables and equipment used. If there are any accidents or medical emergencies, staff will deal with these as normal but will wear PPE for their protection. If any child displays symptoms pertaining to Covid-19, will we keep them in an isolated room supervised by Miss Wilson. They will have access to a toilet not used by any other pupils or staff. We will telephone parents to come and pick them up. **This must be done immediately** for the safety and protection of everyone in the school community.

These are procedures arranged at this time, and may be subject to change. If you have requested that your child return to school and you do not feel that these address your own concerns, please let me know if you now decide not to send your child back. Obviously, we also have to consider the health and well-being of our staff so I urge parents to be vigilant and keep children away from school if they display any symptoms of Covid-19. If staff fall ill themselves, we will have to review our arrangements and capacity for having children in school.

I will keep you updated on further advice and decisions from the government and our Local Authority. I am sure you are aware, there is much conflict in advice at present and this situation is ever-changing. I thank you for your patience and continued support, and wish you and your families well.

Yours sincerely  
Miss Wilson

**Headteacher: Miss Stephanie Wilson**

