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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the publication of the governmental guidance on Thursday 2nd July 2020 regarding the plans for reopening in September we are now in a position to give some information about our initial plans for September. We appreciate for you, like us, that there has been a long wait for this information. Please be aware that we do not get advance knowledge of what the government's plans are and hear about them at the same time as you do. If you wish to read the guidance, it can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

The guidance says that all students are expected to be back in school on a full time basis from September and schools are not allowed to have a rota system. In terms of reducing risk the government are using the following measures:

- Creation of bubbles to limit contact between groups of students
- Alteration of classroom layouts to minimise face-to-face contact
- Social distancing between adults and children and between groups of adults

The school's initial response to this guidance means we are looking at the following measures for reopening in September:

1. Students will be expected to attend school on a full-time basis however we are exploring the feasibility of staggered starts and finish times when we have more information regarding public transport etc.
2. Students will be in a year group 'bubble' to limit contact with students from other year groups- this will apply to both lessons and social time
3. Each year group will be allocated an area within the school to limit movement as much as is possible
4. Different year groups will have different times or locations for breaks and lunches
5. Additional hand washing and sanitising facilities will be installed
6. Classroom layouts will be altered to allow for front facing desks
7. Temporary suspension of more practical learning activities where there is a risk with shared equipment or students needing to move around
8. Communication with parents/carers and students about what to do if someone is unwell with Covid 19 symptoms and also effective hygiene practices in school to reduce risk
9. Engagement with Trace and Track, testing protocols and local public health bodies
10. Ensure remote provision is still in place in case of regional shutdowns or students who need to self-isolate

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11. A staggered start to the school year to allow students to be familiarised with new measures and expectations
12. One-way systems to manage movement where needed

The following adjustments are also being looked at:

- A focus on catch-up core curriculum for Key Stage 3 students
- Longer lesson times to limit movement
- A temporary suspension of CPD Monday sessions to allow for more flexibility
- Students remaining in one classroom where possible
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Regarding school uniform, the school was considering a temporary suspension of uniform requirements however the DfE guidance states 'We would, however, encourage all schools to return to their usual uniform policies in the autumn term. Uniform can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal'. In light of this, usual uniform requirements will apply from when school reopens in September.

The school is awaiting more guidance regarding travel to school. School buses are exempt from the restrictions currently in place for public transport in terms of social distancing and the wearing of face masks. No further information has been received about other forms of public transport.

More detail will follow regarding the timings of the school day and the starting dates for different groups of students. We will share more information with you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we would like to thank you for your support and patience during what has been an unprecedented time.

Yours Sincerely



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