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Dear Parents / Carers

Mr Walker, the new Headteacher from September 2020, met with me and the Trust Leadership team to talk about plans for September. As you may be aware, the government has now published guidance on the full reopening, and we wanted to share our plans with you to help you all prepare for the new school year! There are lots of things for us to think about, so hopefully this information will help you get ready for the start of term in September.

Managing Risk

The Trust will review the risk assessment over the holidays, with the Senior Leadership Team in South Hiendley then adapting this for our site. We will share this with all staff as part of our INSET and school closure days in September before any children return to school. Parents will be able to review this on the school website. School will have a deep clean during the holidays, with enhanced cleaning routines in place throughout term time. Handwashing stations and routines are in place and will be continued. Children will be placed in 'bubbles', a term we are all very familiar with now! These are organised as follows:

Bubble	Start time and entrance door	Finish time and entrance door	Arrangements for eating lunch
Nursery and Reception	8.45am EY entrance as normal	11.45am morning Nursery 3.05pm afternoon Nursery and Reception EY entrance as normal	11.45 – 12.15: lunch in the school hall; lunch play time in the EY area
Years 1 and 2	8.45am Year 1 cloakroom door Year 2 main entrance door	3.05pm Year 1 cloakroom door Year 2 main entrance door	12.15 – 12.35: lunch in the school hall; lunch play time in the front playground
Years 3 and 4	8.55am Year 3 main entrance door Year 4 KS2 cloakroom	3.15pm Year 3 main entrance door Year 4 KS2 cloakroom	12.35 – 12.55: lunch in the school hall; lunch play time in the back playground zone 1
Years 5 and 6	9.05am Year 5 fire door (opposite pond area) Year 6 KS2 cloakroom	3.25pm Year 5 fire door (opposite pond area) Year 6 KS2 cloakroom	12.55 – 1.15: lunch in the school hall; lunch play time in the back playground zone 2

Where you have siblings in school, please use the earliest drop off and pick up time as set out above to avoid having to wait around on the playground.

Currently, we think lunches will continue to be packed lunch or grab bags. Should this change, we will let parents know.

Building work is being carried out over the Summer holidays. If this over runs it will impact on the planned organisation detailed in the above table. Therefore, please check the school website and Facebook page on Friday 4th September for any updates in regards to this.

Site Access

It is crucial we carefully manage access to the site for the safety of your children and school staff and visitors. Mr Swithenbank, the Trust Health and Safety Officer, has provided this information regarding parking on site:

“Following a Health and Safety review at South Hiendley it is the intention to restrict access to the schools car park to all except staff and approved contractors. This will be effective of 1st September 2020. This decision has not been taken lightly and we appreciate the difficulties that this may cause. However, in an attempt to improve the H&S of the school this has to be implemented as a control measure. For all Blue Badge holders please note that under the instruction of: The Blue Badge Scheme: Rights and Responsibilities in England you are able to park on single or double yellow line(s) outside the school so long as it is not causing an obstruction to the highway. We urge you to refer to your Blue Badge handbook for further guidance. We request that all parents park legally and safely on George Street. When walking your child to the main gate please stick to the walk way to the left of the drive as the drive way has shared access to private domiciles. We want to minimise the chance of accidents as much as possible.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.”

School gates will therefore be locked during the above pick up and drop off times.

Uniform Expectations

Children should wear school uniform as normal. PE will be outside as much as possible; on PE days children should come to school in the specified PE kit with outdoor trainers. This is to remove the need for in school changing which can present additional risks with regards to transmission. Class PE days will be confirmed in September.

Reducing Visitors in and out of School

We must carefully control contacts within the school community. In the Autumn term we will do that by:

- Not planning educational or residential visits until the situation has been reviewed.
- All parent meetings must be over the phone, not on site.
- Not undertaking swimming, or having visiting external coaches – to be reviewed regularly.
- Not having visiting peripatetic music tuition – to be reviewed regularly.

Specialist staff working with children with Special Educational Needs, Disabilities or who are classified as a vulnerable child will continue to visit under carefully managed conditions.

What will the classrooms look like?

We can return regularly used equipment and items into classrooms. Children will be provided with individual sets of daily equipment (pencils, rulers etc) that they can keep in school. Children can take home reading books; these should be returned into the box in the classroom on a Friday for reissue on Monday. We will have separate stocks of play equipment for the zones at playtime. Children will be taught within their phase bubbles by consistent staffing.

Children will need to bring their own named water bottle. They must not bring other equipment such as toys, play equipment etc. or school bags into school.

Children will be sitting side by side rather than facing each other, and teaching staff will do their best to keep an appropriate distance. Social distancing will be reinforced; parents should be aware that in schools this is not always possible to enforce and this is taken into account by the government.

Certain lessons such as Music will not go ahead initially; this is due to the requirement not to sing, chant or play instruments in a way that poses a risk. School can reassure parents that music will be brought back as soon as possible.

Class teachers this year will be:

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mrs M Reed	Mrs Webber	Miss Mountain	Mrs H Reed	Miss Harper / Miss Trimby	Mrs Edwards	Miss Sagar	Miss Frith
Mrs Martindale	Mrs Burley Miss Whelan	Miss Lambert Mrs Fox	Mrs Dawson	Ms Thompson	Mrs Jones	Mrs Paton	Mrs Stacey Mrs Pettet

Timings of the Day and Attendance

Breakfast and after school clubs will not start until the provision has been reviewed at October Half Term. The government has indicated that attendance is compulsory from September 2020, and that normal rules around absence and punctuality apply. We know that you, as parents / carers, take regular attendance seriously and understand its importance, and attendance percentages have really improved this year. **We will work with any parents who are concerned or worried; please talk to us if you are concerned!** A reminder that holidays will not be authorised in term time. All absences must be notified by a phone call to the office first thing each morning. School will conduct follow up actions such as Fast Track Attendance meetings, home visits to ascertain where children are, and penalty notices should these be necessary. The Trust Attendance Policy will be available on the school website in September following a review. School will open 5 days a week, and we will not be continuing to have the Friday afternoon closures.

Please can we remind you that school will be open for pupils from Tuesday 8th September. Term dates for 2020 / 2021 can be found on the school website.

Summary

We hope you have found this briefing information useful. We look forward to working with you in September.

We thank you in advance for your continued support and understanding, and wish you a safe and enjoyable Summer.

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