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Plans for the Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers

As we look forward to next academic year, these are some of the practical changes to school life that you need to be aware of:

Bubble sizes Working in managed 'bubbles' reduces contact and will help to stop the virus from being transmitted around the school population. Our bubbles will work as follows:

- Class 1 and Class 2 will form a bubble of 60 children. This means that they can start and finish school at the same time, they can play together at playtime and they can eat lunch together in the dining hall.
- Each of the Key Stage 2 classes will form its own bubble of approximately 30 children. They will have separate start and finish times and will eat lunch in their classrooms. At playtimes, they will have designated areas in which to play (e.g. the playground or the field).
- If we have a COVID-19 case (confirmed by a positive test) then all members of a bubble will need to self-isolate for fourteen days.
- Staff are allowed to work with more than one bubble.

Timings

	Start time	Finish time
Classes 1 and 2	8.30am	3.20pm
Class 3	8.40am	3.30pm
Class 4	8.50am	3.40pm
Class 5	9.00am	3.50pm

Breakfast and After-school Club We are still able to offer both Breakfast and After-school Club to all children. As usual, Breakfast club will start at 8.00am and After-school Club will finish at 5.30pm. Children will eat at tables with children from their own bubble and will play outside when the weather allows. If a child who has been at one of the clubs has a positive test, then it is possible that all other children who attended the club on

that day will be asked to self-isolate. This will be dependent on advice given by Public Health England in the event of a confirmed case.

School Dinners For the first half term, the School Lunch Company will continue to prepare packed lunches for the children – these can be easily distributed to classrooms. We will review this at half term with the aim of providing hot dinners in the winter months. As always, school dinners are free for all infants (children in Class 1 and Class 2) and for those families in Key Stage 2 who are eligible.

PE and Music Lessons Peripatetic teachers are permitted to work across multiple schools and so our PE coaches and Mr. Levy will still be able to teach their lessons, with additional cleaning of equipment between groups as and when necessary. At present, guidance for schools prevents contact sports so we will continue to liaise with Mr. Gerrans as to when judo will be allowed to resume.

Promoting Good Hygiene We will continue to ensure that the children wash their hands regularly throughout the day and at every transition point. We will also re-teach the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to using tissues. Children will not be required to wear PPE in school and adults will only need to do so if there is a suspected case of COVID-19.

Summer holiday reading We always advise that children have a break from schoolwork over the summer holiday and I think that is particularly important for those children who have been home schooling throughout this period. If you ask your children to do any writing or maths, these activities should be light and fun – keeping a holiday journal, playing board or card games and cooking are all good examples. However, it is vital that all children continue to read – or be read too, if appropriate – and discuss their reading with you. If you are looking for inspiration, this [link](#) gives good suggestions.

If you have any further questions regarding returning to school in September then please do get in touch.

Best wishes



Mr. J. Veness