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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable Summer break and enjoyed the sun while it lasted! We understand that anxieties about returning to school may be higher than usual and so we thought it might be useful to re-iterate the plans for our September return.

We are very relieved that the Government decision for pupils to return to school in September remains in place. It is now vital and statutory for all children to return to school to minimise the longer-term impact of the pandemic on our children's education, well-being and wider development. We are delighted that this is the case and cannot wait to welcome you all back.

Our plans remain exactly as advertised in the newsletter in July: all children in Years 1-6 will return to school on Wednesday 2nd September. Children in Nursery and Reception have already had individual communication from school and will undertake a more staggered start to support their return/introduction to school. Copies of all letters sent out are available on our website.

As previously advertised, the drop off and collection times for Year groups are slightly different to usual. It is very important that families abide by these timings to reduce the number of families gathering on school premises. When bringing children to school, please maintain social distancing, remaining 2 metres apart from other families. We also ask families for their support in ensuring that children do not play on the park/playgrounds before or after school; to ensure the safety of everyone it is vital that we are able to minimise contact between children in different 'bubbles'.

Arrival time	Year groups
8:30—8:45am	Reception, Years 1, 3 and 4
8:45—9:00am	Nursery, Years 2, 5 and 6

Departure time	Year groups
3:00pm	Reception, Years 1, 3 and 4
3:15pm	Nursery, Years 2, 5 and 6

At school we have been busily preparing for your child's return to school and are confident our measures will keep your child as safe as possible— in order to minimise any spread of the virus, wherever possible, children will remain in their class bubble whilst in school. Break and lunchtimes will be staggered to minimise the number of children on the playground. As has been the case since the pandemic began, additional hygiene measures will also be in place throughout the day.



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If your child receives Free School Meals, and you have been receiving Free School Meal vouchers during lockdown, the vouchers will now cease and your child will again be eligible to receive a free lunch at school. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be eligible for a Free lunch under the Universal Free School meals scheme. At the moment, all lunches provided through school will be a cold option. The menu is available on our website.

We understand that many families are keen to see the return of Breakfast and After School Club. As previously advertised, these facilities will not be open at the beginning of term for at least two weeks while we make arrangements to ensure we can safely reopen this facility. We will write to you early in the new term regarding plans as soon as we are able to.

As a final reminder, we are limiting the number of items that transition between school and home therefore please ensure your child only brings essential items with them. They are permitted to bring a bag, a named water bottle, lunchbox (if having packed lunches), PE kit and a sunhat/suncream if it is a particularly hot day. Reading books and diaries are also permitted to go between home and school but will be kept in isolation for a short period before being sent home to another family. Please return any reading books that you have at home to school on Wednesday 2nd Sept and a reminder to ensure we have correct in-date medication in school if your child requires it (inhalers etc). Children should not bring their own stationery to school.

Many thanks for your support over this time, we look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 2nd September.

Kind regards,

Mr Nicholls and Miss Foster
Heads of School

