



Head Teacher: Mr Chris Tofallis

28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **September 2020 – Return to school for all classes**

I hope you all had a great summer, despite the unusual circumstances this year. I am very pleased to confirm that we will be open in September 2020 for all our pupils from Reception to Year 4 and all our pupils will have a full day of school again. All our classes will return with 30 pupils in each class.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 – INSET DAYS

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 – First day back for Years 1 to Years 4

9<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – Staggered entry for the new Reception classes

### **School timings: These will be slightly staggered to aid with social distancing in the playground.**

Reception doors will open at 8.45am for registration – finish at 3.10pm (when the Reception children are full time). Entry and exit will be by the Reception area.

Year 1 and Year 2 doors will open at 8.50am for registration – finish at 3.15pm. Entry and exit will be by the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms.

Year 3 and Year 4 doors will open at 9am for registration – finish at 3.35pm. Year 3 entry and exit will be by the Library doors. Year 4 entry and exit will be at the far end of the playground by the Catering Bay – the waiting area will be coned off.

***All class areas will be clearly sign posted and the Caretaker and staff will be present in the mornings and afternoons to help guide parents. All parents must follow the one way system round the whole school on exiting the site. Please come onto the site exactly at these prescribed times to avoid overcrowding and leave swiftly via the one way system to help avoid any overcrowding. Only one adult per child should drop off/ pick up and everyone should remember to keep their social distancing. Thank you for all your support.***

Lunchtimes will be in the hall with half hour shifts, with tables and seats cleaned thoroughly in between shifts. Eating times for lunch will be staggered from 11am-1.30pm to accommodate all the classes steadily to avoid any overcrowding. Pupils will receive a warm meal each day and will eat in the hall with numbers up to two classes (separate) of 30 from one year group. The children will all work a normal school day and have at least 30 minutes to eat and then 30 minutes of play. The children will be supervised by our Meal Time Supervisors and our other staff during these times.

Reception will play in the EYFS outdoor area. Year 1 and Year 2 will play directly outside their classes in their zones.

Year 3 and Year 4 will play in the MUGA.

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We will monitor the situation and we hope to eventually go back to staggered lunch sessions lasting from 11.30am until 1pm once the government gives us the green light to socially mix more year groups together.

Every class will have 30 pupils with class tables set up in rows and facing the front - especially in Years 2 to Years 4. Pupils will have resources, books and equipment set for their class, which will be cleaned daily if shared. Pupils will be able to line up again in their classes. Pupils will be based in their set areas for the term. The children will be able to bring in their water bottles and bags in September. Year 3 and Year 4 pupils will be able to bring in their pencil cases.

**Classes will follow a normal timetable. There will be a strong emphasis on the whole curriculum – catch up programmes, pupil well-being, readjustment to school life, English and Maths as well as the broader curriculum. PE will be delivered again - especially outdoor PE. On PE Days, pupils will be able to come to school in their PE kits. The classes will stay in their ‘bubble’ and will interact with each other. Everyone will still be encouraged to social distance as much as possible, especially around the school, but the class ‘bubbles’ will be able to interact more with each other. Adults will still be fully aware of the importance to socially distance with the children and each other.**

There will be no large gatherings or events and assemblies will take place via the use of a video link. Playtimes will be staggered for the classes so that all classes will play at different times. The adventure playgrounds will return to use but will be restricted for certain year groups eg. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Parent consultations will hopefully take place in the Autumn Term with social distancing.

**If any child or staff develop Covid-19 the school will apply test and trace procedures as advised by the government for September and a class or year group may have to isolate for 2 weeks depending on the circumstances. Online Learning will be prepared and set up for any class/ year group using Google Classroom/ Purple Mash or Zoom in the event of a localised lockdown. There will be interactive learning offered to support the children for any periods of lockdown, but let us all hope that this will not be needed.**

Breakfast Club and After School Club will not start up straight away. The priority will be to get all our classes back at school for the full day safely. We will reassess during our first month back.

Our Community Room will remain as the main Welfare room for anyone that is feeling unwell. Every morning our staff and pupils will continue to have their temperatures taken to ensure everyone is as healthy as possible. We will be minimising any risks and if anyone has a suspected cold, virus or temperature they should not attend school at all and be off until they are healthy to return.

We are all looking forward to the new academic year and cannot wait to see everyone at school again on a daily basis.

Best wishes.

Mr Tofallis

Head Teacher