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27th August 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely break and that this letter finds you all safe and well. We are looking forward to seeing you all in school for the new 'normal'. A lot has happened at school since we were all here together. The school has been deep cleaned, painted and decorated. A new exciting curriculum has been developed and we are looking forward to teaching it to the children. Before we broke up for the summer holidays, staff were busy preparing classrooms and the school grounds, in readiness for the new academic year. We have worked tirelessly to create a plan of action that is believed to be the best way forward. We have carefully assessed the risks, and decisions have been taken to ensure the safety of children, staff and parents alike.

During the past couple of weeks, the Government have been stating that there is an expectation that all pupils should be returning to school. Please rest assured that as a school we have been preparing for the 'new normal' to ensure the safety of our children, and all our stakeholders. This letter outlines the 'new' routines and expectations when your child returns to school.

It is important however, that you and your child/children are aware that school life will be very different when they return on **Wednesday 2nd September**. The day will be staggered, to reduce the number of parents on the playground, and to facilitate social distancing. Please see the table at the end of this letter for further information.

Within school, children's class groupings, known as 'bubbles' will be distanced from other year groups. Once the children enter the school they will sanitize their hands. New sanitizers have been installed around school. To avoid cross contamination, the children will remain in their 'bubbles' throughout the day, **with break and lunchtimes taken separately**. Classroom doors and windows will remain open, to allow for good ventilation. All children will be sitting facing the front, side by side, with a two metre teaching space at the front of the classroom for the teacher and adults working in the classroom.

At lunch time the children will be served a hot meal by lunchtime supervisors, to those eligible. Lunchtimes will also be staggered to enable us to follow social distancing. Ordering of school meals will be as normal, and parents/carers can pay through School Money. Lunch boxes and water bottles are permitted. Any waste (packets/wrappers/leftovers etc.) from lunch boxes will be returned home for your disposal.

Children are expected to wear school uniform. On designated days for PE children may attend school wearing their PE Kit **or appropriate clothing and footwear for non-contact sports**. The class teacher will inform the children of the days when they have PE. Personal belongings, including book bags, will not be required and children will not be allowed to bring any items from home, into school. Children are not expected to wear face coverings, but if they do, when removing them they must immediately wash their hands on arrival and dispose of temporary face coverings in the covered bin provided or they may place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag from home that they can take home with them, and then wash their hands before going to their desks.

It is vital that children arrive at school on time, strictly adhering to the times allocated. For all year groups, only one parent will be allowed on site for pick up / drop off and strict social distancing must be followed. Parents/carers will also have the responsibility for ensuring their children are also socially distanced whilst they are on the school site. Please use the main gate (the times will be staggered according to your child's year group). Can we ask that you leave

school site promptly to avoid cross contamination. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please call the school office and leave a message. The teacher will contact you at the end of the day if necessary.

Please note that only one parent will be allowed on school site for collection. We ask that you respect social distancing and not approach members of staff. This is to keep us all safe and well.

For Year 6 parents if you require your child to walk home on their own, could you please provide them with written permission and at the same time instill in them the importance of social distancing and keeping themselves safe when walking home. Anyone needing the school bus will need to contact transport at Warwickshire County Council direct.

Until guidance allows us to do so, we will unfortunately be unable to offer before or after school clubs.

As part of the 'new' school opening, staff will be mindful of safety and the mental, emotional and physical wellbeing of all our stakeholders. We recognise that lockdown has caused the loss of routine, structure and freedom of movement. In response, class 'bubbles' will have their own time for discussion and reflection each day, where they may share their lived experiences. Staff will also support children's handwashing throughout the day, and proactively train children in new rules and routines that reflect our new 'normality'.

While there will be no whole school assemblies at this point, they will take place via a virtual platform. Year groups will then contribute to celebrations and commemorations in line with our usual school year to develop their knowledge and share the experience of harvest, remembrance, black history and Christmas, to name just a few. Similarly, we will present our parent expectations meetings that are a part of the autumn term, in much the same way.

In terms of academic learning we will be prioritising speaking and listening, reading skills (including phonics), maths knowledge and an emphasis on Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) Where opportunities for outdoor learning can be implemented, these will be strongly encouraged.

If a child should become unwell during the day, and show symptoms compatible with coronavirus - a new continuous cough, or a high temperature - they will be removed from the classroom and remain in isolation until collected by their parent/carer, who will have been contacted immediately. If your contact details have changed then please notify the school immediately. Please note that the member of staff providing this personal care will be wearing personal protective equipment to do so. Should the child subsequently test positive, the school will work closely with Public Health England who will guide us through the actions that we need to take. We will keep parents/carers informed at all times.

Despite this, all parents are expected to ensure their child/children return to school in September, with the Government stating that education is again **mandatory**. Any unauthorised absences will be followed up immediately and passed on to the local authority where appropriate. If your child is absent through illness, parents should notify the school in the normal way. If your child has the symptoms of coronavirus, (persistent cough, fever, loss of smell) please do not send them to school and seek a coronavirus test immediately. **If any pupil receives a positive coronavirus test, the school must be informed immediately. Failure to do so would put all members of our community at risk.**

We are aiming to create and maintain a culture of vigilance. Practices will be closely monitored and adjusted in line with Government updates and guidance. Thank you for support and we look forward to seeing everyone who is part of our Nursery Hill family next week.

Yours sincerely,



Ms J Clarke
Head of School

Year Group	Yr.1/2
Times	8.50am – 3:15pm
Staff	Mr Donagh, Miss Hughes
Access Entrance	Main Gate (walk through the playground, follow the social distancing markers to the Library entrance.)
Drop off / Collection Point	Library entrance
Exit at the End of the Day.	Main Gate (walk through the playground, follow the social distancing markers to the Library entrance, wait on the markers for your child to be dismissed)

We ask that parents follow the safety procedures and leave immediately after dropping off and collecting their child. Stay Safe, Stay Alert, Be Kind.

