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Dear Parents/Carers,

I know many of you will be looking ahead to September and wondering what it will look like for the children in the school. All schools have been asked to open their doors to all the children and we will be following this guidance. We are really looking forward to seeing all your children's faces again and having a school full of children. Please be aware that as of September attendance to school will be mandatory and the Government have put back in place sanctions and fines for non-attendance. I know this is a worrying time for all of us but we hope that you will feel reassured by the measures we are putting in place.

Our new school year will start on Monday 7th September 2020, although all children will be back, the school day will still function differently than before. We have had to plan the school day very carefully to ensure that we fit in with the Government guidance. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Bubbles

Children are to be kept in their class bubbles and are unable to mix with any children from different bubbles whilst on the school site including siblings. Social distancing will not happen within the bubbles, the children will be sat at tables with their classmates and will be able to play games together at playtime and lunchtimes. These bubbles will become their own little communities within the school site. Where possible we will be using the outside areas to compliment the children's learning. We have purchased a large Bell tent for the school field so the bubbles can use as an outside space. Each classroom will have their own exit and entry points and specific toilets assigned to their bubble. All larger gatherings are unable to happen so Sharing assemblies and Gooderstone Gathering will be unable to run in the way they normally would.

To ensure that we avoid any 'pinch points', the school day will need to be staggered at both ends for both parent and child safety. For those of you with multiple children



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in the school you can drop all your children off at the same time but we ask that you come at the earliest time slot given for your children. Unfortunately, we cannot offer the same for pick-ups and ask that you either wait off site or ensure that you socially distance yourself from other families and the entrances on the playground.

Start times: Kestrels (Yrs5/6) Skylarks (Yrs3/4) Owls (Recep/Yr1/Yr2)

8.40am start Kestrels – Enter through vehicle gate Bus arrives: Children classes via class doors.	8.50am Start Skylarks – Enter through vehicle gate and class door.	8.50 start Owls – Enter through pedestrian gate and class door.
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Finish Times:

3.05pm Finish Owls – Leave through Owls class side door (right side of building).	3.05pm finish Skylarks – Leave through class door (left side of building).	3.15pm finish Kestrels – Leave through class door. Bus children: Owls TA - Take bus children out Skylarks – Mrs Delve takes out Kestrels – Class teacher takes out.
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Playtimes and Lunchtimes

Classes will decide when to take breaks during the day. The class bubbles will have separate/zoned playtimes to avoid any opportunity for the children to cross bubbles. Any communal used equipment will be wiped down after use by each bubble. For the time being lunches will be eaten in classes and we will only be offering a packed lunch which can be ordered in the usual way via the ParentMail app. If you do not have the Parentmail or MyEd apps, these can both be downloaded via your app store.



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What will the children need?

We ask that children only bring a coat, sunhat, plimsolls, packed lunch and water bottle to school, we ask that all bags, including book bags stay at home during the Autumn term. This will help to limit the amount of outside contact in the school. The children are required to wear school uniform on the days they do not have P.E (see below). As previously mentioned, the children will be making the most of the outdoor space (in line with the government guidance) and will be going out in all weathers (including rain) so please ensure your child comes with a coat if it is raining or rain is predicted for that day. Plimsolls can be left at school as done previously so the children can change into them when in their class bubble.

P.E Kit & Sports Clubs

To limit the amount of things coming in to school the children will be asked to come to school in their P.E kit on their P.E day (Kit, Navy or Black shorts and white t-shirt). In good weather children can wear their shorts, t-shirt and class jumpers, as the weather turns colder children can come to school in a navy tracksuit/navy joggers and a school jumper. The days your children will have P.E on will be shared by your class teacher. After school sports clubs will take place for individual year group bubbles on the days that they are already in their sports kit, a list of these will be sent out in September.

Equipment

In September all the children will be provided with a plastic wallet that contains all the equipment they will need for their lessons. Each wallet will be labelled and kept in school, these will be just for the use of the named child. Shared equipment in classes will still continue to be wiped down daily, especially if used by entire class bubble. All communal whole school equipment will be cleaned each time after use.

Changing of Reading Books

Children will not bring bags to school, each child will be given a plastic wallet (that can be wiped) to store reading books, letters and homework that need to be taken home. Each class will hold a selection of books in their classroom for their children. The children will be able to choose their individual reading books from here. When



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books are changed the old book must be put in a box for 72 hours before going back in circulation.

Hand Hygiene

Children will be encouraged to wash their hands whenever they are entering or leaving the building as well as using hand sanitiser. Hand washing is the most effective way to stop any germs and viruses spreading and they will be encouraged to do this a lot at key parts of the day. We are fully stocked up on cleaning products so you will not need to provide your child with sanitiser for use in school.

Cases of Covid-19

The school will follow the following guidance for a suspect/confirmed cases of Covid-19. You will find more information on this in section five of the guidance found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-5-contingency-planning-for-outbreaks>. We are currently putting the finishing touches to our lengthy risk assessment and we will be sharing that with you on completion.

Home-school agreement

We have re-designed our home school agreement to be more in-keeping with the situation in school at present. Please read this carefully with your child as it points out expectations for school, parents and the children. We would like these to be signed and brought back into school the first day back in September. If you are unable to print one, a table will be on the playground containing copies for you to sign (please bring your own pen) on the first day back in September.

Home learning and summer challenges

Thank you for all your hard work over the last 16+ weeks. You have worked incredibly hard with your children and we are amazed at the work that has been sent to us. We would like to celebrate all the work they have been doing at home, so please bring in your home-learning as we intend to make a huge display of it in our corridors and hall. The summer challenge packs have been created for those of you



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who want some ideas of things to do over the summer. This work is not compulsory and you can do as little or as much of it as you wish.

Visitors and helpers

We aim to try and keep visitors on the school site to as few as possible. Helpers will be assigned to a class bubble and will not travel class to class. We ask that parents do not enter the school building, this includes the school reception, unless there is an emergency. Please ring the school office or email class teachers by their class emails with any queries or questions you may have.

As I am sure you can imagine planning a whole school re-opening during a pandemic has required careful planning and a multitude of documents sit behind this plan. In this letter I have tried to outline the most important pieces of information you will need before September.

Our aim is to make the school as safe as possible for the children and adults returning to the school site in September. We of course cannot guarantee that your children will not come in contact with COVID-19 but we can dramatically reduce the risk by working together and following the guidelines given by the Government and the school. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the school.

This year has been tough for all of us but try to relax and enjoy the summer holidays, we look forward to seeing you ALL back in September.

Best wishes,



Mrs Godbold.