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Dear Parent and Carers,

Over the summer, the Department For Education have sent guidance through to schools to set out plans for how we can safely reopen to ALL pupils in September. We have spent a great deal of time working through the document and the additional guidance released, to make sure that staff and pupil safety can be maintained to the highest level and children can all return to learning in school as a whole. There will have to be some small changes to the way we organise your child's education so that we maximise the number of children we can have in school.

Attendance is statutory from September, for all children, and we expect that all children attend school every day as outlined by the Department For Education.

Key reminders for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September:

- School is closed to children on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September
- All children need to attend their first week of school in full uniform as PE will not start until week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- If children are having packed lunches, then they may bring in a packed lunchbox to store in the classroom. Water bottles need to be separate so they can be stored in class.
- Children may bring in a small bag/book bag for their books, reading record and homework- this will be stored in the child's drawer or in their classroom so should not be too large.
- Hot school meals will be served as usual and menus posted on the APP. We operate cashless systems.
- Children in Year 2 will not be using the cloakrooms and their coats will be kept on the back of their chairs
- All children will need their own named water bottle containing water- we cannot provide cups for safety reasons.
- Children **MUST NOT** wear a face covering or mask on the school site. Children under the age of 11 are exempt and the potential risk of cross contamination of such coverings is far greater than the protection they may offer.
- Breakfast club is open to all those who have been allocated a place. If you think you may need this service, please contact the school office on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September as we may have spare spaces.
- After School clubs will not be running for the first half of the Autumn term so that we can minimise the numbers of children mixing outside of their year groups. This will be evaluated in October and you will receive notice if we can open these up for the second half term.

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Start time and finish time will need to be staggered, due to the high volume of children. We ask that only one parent/carer brings children to school. If you have more than one child in school, please drop the child with the earliest start time off first, then make your way using the one-way system to drop off your other children – Staff will meet you on the playground. Please be considerate of others' when leaving the school site and where possible follow the one way system.

Nursery parents are invited into nursery on their child's first day to support with transition. There will be a one way system when entering and exiting Nursery. We are then encouraging parents to hand children over to Miss Brazel at the nursery door.

Please see the table below for further information:

Class	Start time	Finish time	Entrance/Exit
Nursery (AM)	8:45am	11:45am	Nursery
Nursery (PM)	12:15pm	3:15pm	Nursery
Reception Pixies	8:50am	2:50pm	Reception
Reception Sprites	8:50am	2:50pm	Year 1
1 Pixies	9:10am	3:10pm	Year 1
1 Sprites	9:10am	3:10pm	Reception
2 Pixies	9am	3pm	Y2 shared area
2 Sprites	9am	3pm	Year 1

- Please try to come to school on time. If you have to wait on the playground between dropping children, please maintain a social distance and try to support your child staying at your side. We need to keep everyone safe.
- The one-way system is to remain in operation.

As always, our plans are subject to change depending on events over the coming week as more schools start to reopen and there may still be changes to guidance from the government. Further information will be shared as soon as we receive it. Please try not to focus on media stories as these are often inaccurate and can cause more concerns. If there is information relating to the safety of your child while they are in school, please trust us that we will let you know immediately.

If you have changed your contact details recently, please send your new number via your child's seesaw account and we will update our system accordingly. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

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