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Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers

Another busy week has passed by, and yesterday we finally have received guidance from the government on the wider reopening of schools for September. You should also have received a letter from Mr Viles yesterday notifying you of the staffing arrangements we have put in place for September, therefore by the end of term we hope to have a much fuller picture of what school will look like for all of our pupils on return in September.

Having followed the guidance so far, we have already set up and welcomed back up to seven bubbles across school at any one time. This means seven separate pupil groups come into school and do not meet other groups inside at all- they arrive with staggered start and end times; have lunches in their dedicated classrooms and have separate play times/areas. We have successfully set up queueing systems at two different entry points to the school and have marked systems in school to ensure we operate in as safe a manner as possible. We are therefore confident- that with some careful planning and your ongoing support, we will be able to make the guidance work for us in September. We are busy putting these plans in place and will be able to update you on these shortly.

Before and After School Club (BAASC)

We appreciate our BAASC is vital to many families and you will be eagerly awaiting it's reopening. A letter detailing BAASC provision will be sent out early next week. This will contain a link to a survey. If after reading through our plans you would like to sign your child up for a place in our provision you will be required to complete the survey. We plan to fully open our school to pupils for two weeks prior to providing any extra wrap around care. We think it is essential everyone involved is confident in the new routines before embarking on a new system. We hope sharing this information with you now will help you to plan ahead. Then, from Monday 21st September we plan to open an 'After School Club' only. School will then carefully evaluate the success of the after school club and review it in line with the latest government guidance. We will look to open a Breakfast Club only when we believe we can do so safely and successfully. Full details to follow.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



KSS Challenge

Throughout the lockdown we have loved seeing the work and photographs from those of you who have engaged with the KSS Challenges. Thank you to those who have provided positive feedback about the videos- it has been really appreciated (especially by Miss Williams who is the whizzy computer magician piecing most of the videos together!). We think now is the right time to bring the whole school challenges to an end- moving any future challenges for teachers to announce on Class Dojo. Here is the last KSS Challenge Video- for last week's challenge **'to learn something new about another city or country- anywhere in the world!'** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7V51W3jT2E> I would like to thank Miss Williams for compiling these videos. Remember to check back on Class Dojo for your next challenge!

Children in School

On average at the moment we have about 80 pupils coming into school in any week. Could we please remind all pupils attending school of a few rules we put in place to help prevent the spread of the virus:

- Wear clean clothes daily (it doesn't have to be school uniform- just clean and sensible)
- Bring your own water bottle from home and take it home daily- providing a good clean each evening
- Do not bring toys, objects or unnecessary items from home
- Please dress appropriately for the weather- footwear and jackets
- We do not require PE kit at present.

Thank you as ever for your ongoing support. School won't be exactly the same as it once was, but judging by how well our pupils have adapted so far, we are sure it will be every bit the happy learning environment it always has been. Our pupils are at the heart of our school, and our staff team are exceptionally excited to know we will have a full school again very soon!

Take Care, Stay Safe

Miss Barnett

Deputy Head