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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to be able to welcome the children back on Monday for what we are hoping will be a much more normal school year.



Thank you for your support in following the steps we took as a school last year to try and minimise the risk of infection. We know some of you will be anxious about returning to school at this time. Please be assured that though many of the restrictions have been lifted we will still be following government guidelines for schools in order to protect children and staff, which are unchanged from last term.

In this letter I have outlined some of the most important things to help all our families make a great start to the new school year.

The School Day

School will start at 8.45 am and finish at 3.20 pm for all children

- Year Three will come in Entrance One nearest to the Infant School.
- Years Four and Five will come in Entrance Two at the front of the school.
- Year Six will come in Entrance Three on Hutchinson Road.

Please come in your entrance gate and go straight to your classroom door. Everyday the children will be offered a Bagel Breakfast once they have washed their hands.

Please walk or cycle to school where possible. You can leave your bike in the bikeshed. For the safety of children cars are not allowed on the school site other than for mobility access.

At the End of the School Day- the children will be accompanied to their gate by the school staff to meet parents and carers.

What Your Child Needs to Bring....

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- Your child will need a **coat and a lunch box**.
- If your child has an inhaler please send it to school and we will keep it with them in their classroom.
- Children may bring in mobile phones which will be stored in the school office.
- Your child may bring in a named bottle of hand sanitiser which will be placed in a named sealed bag.

Please help us by only sending essential items to school with your child.

On days when your child has PE, your child should wear their PE kit to school. If it is cold they can wear jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt as well as their shorts and top.
You will not need your normal uniform on this day.

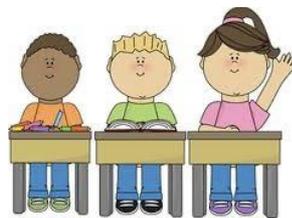
PE Days

Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday



Lunches

We are able to provide hot dinners for all children who would like one. There are staggered lunch times so that children can stay in their year group bubbles in the dining hall or their classrooms where they will eat with their year group only.



During the School Day

Throughout the day the children will be working in their classroom with the adults assigned to their year group. We have planned the school day and activities so that children can remain in their year group bubbles. For example we will have a staggered timetable so that children have breaktime with their year group and are able to eat in their year groups at lunchtime. We will be making use of the outside space for learning as much as possible too.

- The children will continue to wash their hands at intervals throughout the day as a universal hygiene measure.
- We will continue our increased cleaning and disinfection regime.

- We will continue to increase ventilation indoors by opening windows and doors when it is safe and appropriate.

We are really pleased that we are starting some after school clubs again. These will be in year groups for the autumn term and we will review this policy for the spring term. Look out for details of the new clubs starting at half term!

If your child is unwell...



Your support has been vital in helping us stay as safe as we possibly can. Thank you in particular for keeping your child away from school until they are able to have a test if they are feeling unwell and for collecting your child if we call you.

We have been advised to do so even if symptoms are very mild and we understand this could be frustrating, so thank you!

If someone at school has a positive test...

The guidance for schools about what to do if someone tests positive has changed.

If someone tests positive from school, then we will work with the local Health Protection Team from Public Health.

We will advise you in the event that someone has tested positive where it means that your child needs to isolate for ten days. Because of new guidelines, if your child has not had very close contact with a positive case then it is unlikely they will be asked to isolate.

Thank you for your continued support.
We can't wait to welcome the children in September!



Yours sincerely

Mrs Parry-Jones and the WEJS Staff Team