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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience in waiting to hear this information about September. As you can imagine it has taken some time to organise this. There will be a huge amount of information in this letter, but if you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact school and we will answer any queries you may have. The important thing to note is that, as of September, school will become compulsory again.

Classes for September:

As we move into the new academic year, we will be moving into new classes. It is such a shame that the children haven't been able to spend much time in school this year, but please rest assured, teachers have been working very hard to pass information onto new class teachers, to ensure that we support your child in the move as much as we possibly can.

Please see the table below for information:

Teachers for September	PE days
Nursery - Miss Charlton	Friday
Reception - Miss Charlton	Friday
Year 1 - Ms Rowland	Wednesday
Year 2 - Mrs Waters	Wednesday
Year 3 & 4 - Mr Straker	Thursday
Year 5 - Miss Whelan	Monday
Year 6 - Miss Witty	Tuesday
ARP - Miss Winship	Friday

September Organisation:

As you will be aware we are still using the bubble model for ensuring our school community will be as protected as possible. All classes will create their own bubble, apart from Nursery and Reception who will form a bubble called 'Early Years' and Years 1 and 2 who will form a bubble called 'Key Stage 1'.

This will allow for the smooth running of the day, and numbers for these bubbles will be below 30. None of the school bubbles will cross over. Therefore we will have to stagger start times and end times of the day, as well as playtimes and lunchtimes.

Please see information below:

Year Group	Start / End Time	Entrance / Exit point
2 Year olds	12.30 am - 3.30 pm	Early Years gate and door
Nursery	8.30 am - 11.30 pm	Early Years gate and door
Reception	8.45 am - 2.50 pm	Early Years gate and door
Year 1	9.10 am - 3.15 pm	Main yard KS1 door
Year 2	8.50 am - 2.55 pm	Main yard KS1 door
Year 3 and 4	9.10 am - 3.15 pm	Main yard KS2 door
Year 5	8.50 am - 2.55 pm	Main yard KS2 door
Year 6	9.00 am - 3.05 pm	Main yard KS1 door
ARP	9.00 am - 3.05 pm	Main school entrance

Important - Social Distancing Rules: children must be escorted onto the school premises by 1 adult only. Please ensure that you are on time for your bubble opening/closing time and that you wait with your child staying 2 metres away from other families, lining up outside classroom doors using the 2 metre markings. Children must not play with other children while waiting on the yard. If you have children starting at different times you are welcome to wait on the yard but please ensure that the guidance above is followed. Year 6 children will be allowed to walk home on their own, once written permission is given in September.

Uniform - children will need to be in school uniform and can bring packed lunches, bags, coats and iPads into school. Please make sure that your child is in a clean uniform. **Children must bring a water bottle to school everyday.**

PE - we are happy to say that this will be resuming next academic year. On the days that your child has PE, they **must** come into school in their PE kit, black shorts/jogging bottoms/ black leggings, a white T shirt and school jumper/cardigan - you may wish to consider purchasing a school hoodie please contact Emblematic. This will avoid children having to get changed throughout the school day.

Lunchtimes - our school kitchen has been closed since March and the children in school are currently accessing packed lunches for dinner. We are hoping that by September, this will be able to increase to a hot option and a packed lunch option. However in order to control this time of the day, lunches will be in classrooms and staggered times for children to go out to play will be in place.

General Protective Measures - there are a whole host of other protective measures that we will be putting in place in order to keep your child safe - please see the policy that is on our website. Children will have their own stationery packs, not sharing with others and they will be regularly hand washing in school. We will also have an enhanced cleaning programme that will run throughout the school day, deep cleans will occur during holiday periods, as well as if any child is poorly.

Test, Track and Trace - it is important, in order to keep our whole school community safe that you adhere to the rules around test, track and trace. If your child has any symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell) you MUST keep your family at home and contact school immediately. If your child becomes ill at school, a member of staff wearing PPE will help support your child to an isolated area, and you will be contacted straight away. In both incidents, we will let you know what you need to do, but a test is vital, as the result will determine whether children can return to school or not.

Breakfast Club/After School clubs - from Monday 7th September we will be running a breakfast club for **working parents only**. Places will be limited and a booking system will be in place, more information will follow in September. There will be no after school clubs during the first half term, this will be reviewed after the October holidays.

I apologise there is a lot of information here, but I wanted you to know as much as possible. We are working extremely hard to protect our children and ensure they receive a full education at the same time.

We hope you have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to our children returning to school on **Wednesday 2nd September.**

Thank you for your continued support

Kerry Lilico Headteacher