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### **FULL REOPENING OF SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so pleased to have received the updated government guidance last week in relation to the full reopening of schools from September.

In order to make this work as smoothly as possible, a number of safety measures will be implemented for when the children return and will remain in place until review shows that it is safe to change them or government guidance says otherwise.

An outline of the necessary measures for you to be aware of are as follows:

- Children will be grouped into class groups. Contact between groups will be limited as much as possible.
- Drop off and collection times will be staggered so as to minimise contact between groups and between adults during these periods. When deciding on timings, we have tried to take in to account families with siblings in different classes so as to minimise waiting times, going with majority numbers. Staff will come to collect their groups from the playground at the designated times and they then will enter the buildings through designated entrances. Timings will be as follows:

Class:	Arrival:	Collection:	Entry Point:
EYFS (Nursery and Reception)	8.40	3.00	EYFS green gate
KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	8.40	3.00	Library door
KS2 (Years 3 and 4)	8.50	3.10	Library door

- Staggered break and lunchtimes will be used to limit contact between groups. Any shared spaces will be cleaned thoroughly before being used by the next group. Aspens hot lunch service will resume and lunches can be ordered in the usual way using the online system. Milk can also be ordered in the usual way from September.
- Children will continue to need a labelled water bottle in school. This should be taken home, washed and refilled each day to ensure hygiene.
- Each class group will have their own allocated toilet facilities to use throughout the school day. These will be cleaned regularly.

- Classroom spaces will be set up to promote and support social distancing and limit face to face contact as much as possible.
- Daily whole school assemblies will be replaced by class assemblies for as long as necessary. Celebration Assembly will still be held on a Friday in each class. Unfortunately parents will not be able to attend these for now but we will still inform you via text if your child gets an award.
- Children will be allocated their own frequently used resources e.g. pens, pencils. Shared resources will be regularly and thoroughly cleaned.
- Suitable PPE will continue to be used when intimate care is required.
- Wearing of uniform will resume. Summer uniform should be worn until October half-term (unless the weather changes significantly beforehand). Please ensure that uniform is clean.
- The wearing of PE kits and Forest School kits will resume. Please ensure your child has all that they need in school (teachers will provide more details of allocated days in September). These will need to be taken home each week for washing.
- Staff will remain with their allocated class group as much as possible. However, in order to maintain high quality educational provision and due to the part-time nature of some contracts, there will be some movement. When this occurs, staff will work hard to maintain recommended social distancing measures, as far as it is safe and practicable to do so.
- As has been the case to date, if your child or anyone in your household shows symptoms of the virus, they must stay at home and not attend school. Please keep us informed should the situation arise.
- If any child in school shows any concerning symptoms, they will be isolated and parents will be contacted to collect them and then self-isolate as required. Parents will also be asked to get their child tested so that the government's 'Track and Trace' programme can be utilised in this situation. Please be aware that you will also be asked to provide details of those that you and your child have been in contact with as part of this process.
- The government's usual attendance expectations resume.
- Guidance states that schools may resume wrap around care provision. As you know from previous communication, we will begin to provide this service from 7<sup>th</sup> September. This will mean that children from different classes come together. However, the space will be setup to enable seating children from the same class group together and social distancing will be promoted. Staff, outdoor space and the barn area will be fully utilised to reduce risk.

We are so looking forward to having the school community back in one place now that the government deem it safe to take this action. We have missed the children who haven't been in school greatly and can't wait to see everyone on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact me at [head@hibleton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@hibleton.worcs.sch.uk).

Kind regards,

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