The end of the school Day

At 3.10pm the main school gate will open and parents will enter the premises and wait outside their child's exit points listed below. The staff at the door will send your child to you. Please note **that staff will not be available for any face to face meetings** and have been asked not to leave their doors. **Any communication must be done via telephone or email to the main office.**

Y6	Double doors opposite their classroom.
Y5	The ramp to the main junior playground
Y4	Main doors to hall
Y3	Hall Fire Door (waiting area by outdoor PE store)
Y2	Toilet fire exit Door by the bridge on EYFS yard
Y1	Front Door Main entrance to school
Reception	Ramp opposite hall door
Nursery	Nursery Front Door

Communication

Until further notice parents will not be allowed in school. All communication should be via the school office phone or email. Payments for lunches will be done via through parent pay. Parents should only come to the office to drop off and collect medicine. As Year 1 will be exiting school via this exit, we ask the parents avoid the main entrance after 3pm. Please note that there will be no welcome meetings or parent's evenings during the Autumn term.

Additional Safety Measures

All the children will be in class bubbles and they will not mix with other year group at this moment in time. EYFS will be one bubble due to the shared nature of their teaching space. Changes have been made to playground arrangements with zoned areas for each year group and changes to the dinner time routine. The teachers will guide the children through these changes. One big change is the layout of the classrooms where the desks have had to be arranged so that they are all forward facing. The children are now able to be seated adjacent to each other but not opposite each other.

Additional equipment has been purchased to prevent sharing of everyday items. An enhanced cleaning schedule is also in place and hand sanitiser is available in each classroom. The children will still be asked to wash their hands at set times during the day and this will be supervised.

Staff will be asked to continue to wear face masks or face visors and observe social distancing between themselves. Children may also wear face masks but they must be taught mask safety and have a place to store them safely when not in use.

Where there is an instance of a confirmed COVID-19 case there will be a partial school closure and that bubble will close for a set period of time and all within the bubble will be asked to get a Covid test.

Gatherings in School

There will be no assemblies or weekly hymn practices where children from different class bubbles gather in the hall. These will be done virtually where classes will use their visualisers

as web cams. This will enable us to still gather and pray as a school family together each week.

Homework

English and Mathematics homework will resume but this will be set online and submitted via the school blog or email.

Reading Books

All reading books that were sent home will need to be returned on the first day and the children will place them in their class book return box where they will remain in quarantine for a 72 hour period of time. No new reading books will be sent home until the end of the second week and these will not be changed as frequently as in the past.

Catering

There will be **no toast snacks until further notice.** The children may bring in a piece of fruit that is not in a container or packaging to eat during their morning break.

The school kitchen will be providing grab bags which will include hot options such as burger wraps and fish finger sandwiches.

Bright Sparks before and After school provision.

Bright Sparks will continue to provide wrap around care from Thursday 3rd September. Please contact Vicky Earrey (07432578913) to book a place and discuss covid-19 safety measures in place for the afterschool provision.

Final Note

I apologise for the length of this letter I share with you today but as you can imagine there has been a lot of additional safety measures to consider and implement. This pandemic has impacted upon us all in so many ways and we will continue to adapt and change where necessary to ensure the safety of our school family. Please bear with us during this period of significant change. A lot of these changes go against my natural instincts and the warm ethos of school however, we will implement them with love so that we can protect our school family from this virus. I ask that you follow the local lockdown guidance and adhere to social distancing and help us to keep our school virus free. Infection rates in our particular region are still concerning. As always if you have any additional concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to welcoming your children back into school next week.

Kind regards

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Headteacher