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Week 24 Newsletter

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Dear families,

We have finally made it! From Monday we can open our doors to all pupils once again...congratulations for staying positive and making it to the other side, we really do appreciate your support and understanding during this latest period of restrictions. We attach our latest Risk Assessment document and our latest Learning Journal too to demonstrate our current safety measures and our curriculum coverage at this time.

Diary Dates: A calendar running from next week to the end of the Summer Term will be sent out by the middle of next week. All events will be shared with enough notice for working parents to get involved where possible! All events will be risk assessed and they may be cancelled or moved online due to COVID restrictions.

Return to School Update: We also attach last week's letter to the email so that you can see the clear plans set out for the return on Monday. Please do read it very carefully as it should answer any questions you have. The timings are very clear for each class. A few headlines are below:

- Uniform returns but please do not worry if you have outgrown some aspects of it and/or are struggling to access new ones. Please adjust sensibly and appropriately for the cold weather. Warm clothing and layers can be added on top of uniform items but please do not use items with inappropriate slogans or images. If any families are struggling to afford, but desperately need, new uniform please contact me via email as we have some funds from a very generous parent/local business to support this cause. A huge thank you to the parent in question! 😊
- **Timings are so important now.** Please ensure that you are here for the time stated for your child, see lists on last week's newsletter and if you are unsure what times to arrive at either end of the school day please ask via email. Reading sessions in the hall are available to support siblings from 8.30am but there should not be anyone on site before this time. **Please do not 'split' the timings of your siblings as before, teachers want to start promptly and every minute counts so punctuality for each classes time slot is crucial from now on.** Please do not be early for any age groups as we do not want queues and congregation of parents/children.
- Following the guidelines out of school remains a priority to keep everyone safe.
- Masks must be worn on site (over the nose and mouth) unless you have a medical exemption.
- Parents should not be congregating on the playground or chatting in huddles, social distancing guidelines must be adhered to.
- The one way system must be used between 8.30-9am and 3-3.30pm.
- We will not use the 'stop-go' sign as before but **please keep to the left** as you enter or leave the rear playground and respect other people and their space on the way in and out of school.
- Parking spaces in the drop-off area are likely to be much busier so please take care when parking/egressing said spaces.
- Please keep your children close by and don't allow them to play/run off from you.
- Parents should vacate the premises as soon as possible.
- Pencil cases etc are no longer required although Y6 would like to keep them as preparation for PGS transition.
- PE kits required on specified days- we will text to confirm any PE days ASAP as coaches have been reorganised recently but we recommend bringing the kit Monday and taking it home for washing on a Friday anyway so it is in school every day.
- Water bottles can stay in school and be refilled but they should be clearly marked and washed weekly at home and returned the following week.
- Book bags and PE drawstring bags should be used rather than large rucksacks. The rucksacks are getting larger and larger and they are starting to present as a fire hazard as they are too large for peg areas in the cloak.
- Please ensure that this information is shared with grandparents/childcare support too!

Thank you for your fantastic support as always. Have a great weekend.

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher