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Friday, 04 September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from all the team at Broadbottom. It was lovely to see everybody yesterday and get our school community back up and running.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and said they were glad to be back at school, equally so, we were and looking forward to the year ahead.

To reassure you of the measures we will be continuing to implement, the risk assessment is available for you to view on the school website.

Attached is the guidance sent out in July in preparation for our return. This information is also available on the school website under the Covid section.

As you will note we have restrictions on the equipment and objects brought from home.

We have noticed that a number of children over the past couple of days, have brought items into school other than those permitted. At present we are only permitting the following items:

- A small book bag, the same size as the one you were issued when your child started school. This should contain the school reading book, planner and library book.
- Lunchbox
- Water bottle
- PE kit.

Yesterday, a number of big bags came to school which children were trying to put on their pegs and due to the size were falling off, causing hazards in corridors and classroom areas. To keep our children and staff safe, we need to minimise the opportunity for trip hazards and accidents. Therefore, PE kits must be brought in PE draw string bags.

We are all getting used to the new normal and the restrictions imposed on us, it is important that we stay vigilant at all times. Therefore, can I remind you that when you are waiting at drop off and collection time, you should be stood separate to other parents and if you have your child/ren with you at that point, they need to be kept with you. Please vacate the premises once your child has been dropped off and similarly do not arrive before your given time. Children must not go on the play equipment as we have a specific cleaning regime in place during the day which starts following the first playtime.

It is a difficult time for all of us, but hopefully if we all pull together, we will manage any potential outbreak amongst us. Please take some time to read the attached letter to refresh yourselves of guidelines for parents.





It is early days and we are very mindful that we provide as much as we can for children and parents as we move forward.

As soon as it is safe to do so, my aim is to welcome parents back into the building, but until then we will continue to communicate with you electronically through our website, Dojo and texts. The website is a good source of information and anything related to Covid is on the blue ticker tab on the home page.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Face to face meetings at present are not possible, as an alternative you will be able to speak to a staff member by telephone or Microsoft Teams.

Finally, you will have seen the guidance on face masks for high schools, which has been imposed on pupils in municipal areas of their school. At the moment, there are no such restrictions for primary children. We have managed our timetable to minimise the opportunity for children to meet others from a different bubble. However, if you feel that you wish your child to wear a face mask please provide them with a plastic bag that they can put it in during the times they are not wearing it e.g., lunchtime.

Hope you and your families have all kept well during the summer and continue to do so in the coming months. The newsletter will be coming out soon, we are trialling this on a weekly basis commencing Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September and will be available to view on the website.

Kind Regards and best wishes,



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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents,

Apologies for the length of this letter, as it contains a lot of information focused on the reopening of school in September 2020.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your many messages of support during lock down and continued well wishes.

In September, the new arrangements mean that children will come back to school in a 'bubble' which now comprises of their whole class. Social distancing has been removed and replaced by reduced opportunity to mix and transmit across different groups of individuals. This means, that children will remain in their class and usual school routines such as playing out with other classes and assemblies will not take place together.

As such, we have been advised to stagger the arrival and dismissal of children each day, until further notice. We will also be using a range of entry points, to minimise gatherings of large groups. During this time, it is very important that we all stick to this phrase we now know so well and 'Stay Alert'. This will mean, that when you drop your children or come to collect them, there will be restrictions on the length of time the playground area will be open. We are asking that you do not remain on school premises and leave the area promptly each day. I appreciate that this may seem a little harsh, especially after such a long time apart, but is crucial in preventing any COVID outbreak at school.

Thorough cleaning in line with all Public Health guidance will continue for the foreseeable future. In addition to this, handwashing and sanitising will also remain in place and be a fastidious part of our daily routines. Limited equipment will be allowed on the premises for the time being, therefore, we are asking that children only bring essential items, including a book bag containing their planner and reading book, PE kit, coat and water bottle. No other equipment will be allowed, again to minimise contamination.

In the next term, sport will continue to be delivered through a non-contact curriculum and children will not be participating in team games. All music lessons, involving woodwind and brass have been suspended across the Authority. In place a new curriculum based on the core skills of composing, appraising, listening and song writing will be introduced.

Pride assemblies will currently be unavailable, however, we still want to celebrate the wonderful things our children do. We would like you to tell us on Dojo your child's home-based achievements each month, on the last Friday and similarly we will share with you any school based pride awards.

Dolce dinners will return in September, with a hot meal option available to order via Live Kitchen. Between each sitting a cleaning routine is in place to ensure that when our children move out of their classroom bubble, the dining hall is as sterile as possible.

Please find below the arrangements for arrival and dismissal for classes in September. I am aware that this does present issues for those who have more than one child in school, so I have tried to make the times manageable for all whilst mitigating risk.

#### ARRIVALS AND DISMISSAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

CLASS	ARRIVAL	ENTRY/EXIT POINT	DISMISSAL
BLUE	8.50AM	INFANT PLAYGROUND UP THE STEPS.	3PM
RED	8.50AM	KS2 PLAYGROUND TOP GATE	3PM
GREEN	9.00AM	KS2 PLAYGROUND TOP GATE	3.15PM
PURPLE	9.00AM	THROUGH BOTH INFANT GATES	3.15PM

Gates will be opened at 8.45 am/ 2.55pm and closed at 9.05am/ 3.25pm

The next term is going to be challenging for all of us as parents and staff, to make sure that we get a good balance between the usual colds and coughs that are around in Autumn and Covid symptoms. It is our aim to work closely with you and your knowledge of your child's health conditions, to ensure we make the right decisions moving forward. This may mean that children are sent home more often with cold/cough symptoms until we come out of the 'Being Alert' stage.

Reports will be sent electronically to you on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Results regarding the last assessments that took place are reported on and also a predicted grade for the summer term. If you wish to discuss matters concerning your child, prior to parents evening in October, please contact the office in September for an appointment.

Finally, in order to get ready to welcome all our children back the Local Authority has recommended that schools schedule two consecutive Inset days in September. Please note that children will be returning to fulltime education on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020** and not the Wednesday as previously published. This means that the Inset day due to take place on October 23<sup>rd</sup> has now been cancelled. (all calendar dates can be viewed on the website)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a very happy and healthy summer holiday. The whole staff is looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September and getting back to normality.

Until then take care and we will see you very soon.

Mrs Marrow & The Broadbottom Team