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Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that you have had an enjoyable and safe summer.

In our last letter that was sent in July we highlighted many of the strategies we would be taking to ensure that the year starts well for all children. For your convenience, it is attached to this email.

I do appreciate that some parents will be anxious about their child returning to school next week, so I thought it would be helpful to provide an update before the term begins for all children on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

#### Additional Wash Stations

We have purchased some additional wash stations so that the children will be able to wash their hands thoroughly throughout the day. They will of course, be supervised whilst they are doing so.

#### Refurbished toilet areas

The toilet facilities for the children in years 3, 5 and 6 have been refurbished over the summer. This will provide a significant improvement for children in these year groups

#### Deep Cleaning

All areas of the school have been deep cleaned during the summer and we have also arranged for additional cleaning to take place once the children return next week.

#### Work outside of the school Building

We have slightly altered the pedestrian one way system around school to take into account that all children are returning to school next week. Please follow the red arrows when taking the children to their classrooms in the morning (and collecting them in the afternoon) and the blue arrows if you need to leave something at the office. The gates to restrict vehicle access to the school have been installed also so that both children and adults can safely walk through the car park.

#### Returning from Travel Abroad

If you have recently returned from a country from which you currently need to quarantine for 14 days please let us know. Otherwise, we really look forward to welcoming your child back into school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Finally - Currently there is no need for either teachers or children to wear a face covering in school.

PS a quick reminder that children should not bring their own pencil case to school.

Best wishes

Mr Ingall  
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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you about our plans to more fully reopen the school from September, and to let you know where each of our teachers will be working during the next academic year.

From September 2020, our class teachers will be as follows:

Foundation Stage	Miss Drury	Ms. Beale/ Miss Nicholls ( trainee teacher)
Year 1	Ms Horley (4 days) Mrs Rose (1 day)	Mr Arzberger
Year 2	Miss Jennings	Miss Beveridge
Year 3	Miss Bailey	Mr Singleton
Year 4	Ms. Staples	Ms. Wellsbury (4 days) Ms Coles (1 day)
Year 5	Mrs Best	Mrs Akers/ Miss Hilson (trainee teacher)
Year 6	Ms Oatridge/Mrs Hancox	Mrs Parsons

As you know I will be working 4 days per week as Headteacher from September. The days I will be working are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On behalf of the Governing Body I am very pleased to let you know that Mrs Akers has been appointed as Headteacher for one day per week. I am very much looking forward to working with Mrs Akers in her new role. This means that our leadership team, known at our school as LILT (Leaders in Learning Team), will be as follows:

Bursar	Mrs Bletchly
Foundation Stage Leader	Miss Drury
Middle Phase Leader (Years 1, 2 and 3)	Mr Singleton
Upper Phase Leader (Years 4, 5 and 6)	Mrs Akers
Inclusion Manager	Mrs Thomas
Deputy Headteacher	Ms Oatridge
Headteachers	Mr Ingall (4 days) and Mrs Akers (1 day)

### Arrangements for September 2020

I would like to confirm that all children are expected to return to school in September. As you would expect, over the last week or so, we have been working on our plan to make sure that all children are able to return to school safely from the beginning of next term. The national guidelines are here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Central to our planning has been ensuring the safety and well-being of your child(ren) and members of staff, alongside ensuring we continue to provide the highest possible quality of education.

### **Start and end of the day**

In line with the guidelines, we will be continuing with the current staggered start and finish times for each year group. The times are as follows:

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
Foundation Stage	9.00	15.00
Year 1	9.00	15.00
Year 2	8.50	15.05
Year 3	8.50	15.05
Year 4	8.45	15.15
Year 5	8.45	15.15
Year 6	8.45	15.15

For children in Years 1 & 2 we will be continuing with the arrangements currently used for Year 1. This means the children will be collected by their classteacher from the spots that have been painted on the playground.

For Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the children will come directly into their classroom. We will be continuing with the 1 way system for everyone arriving and leaving the school site. The route around the school is shown by arrows on the ground. **This does mean that the car park will remain closed for all from 8.30-3.30 and this will continue to be robustly imposed.** We would like to encourage children/parents to walk to school where possible.

For everyone's safety it is vital that children arrive and leave school at the allocated time. We will be adjusting break times and lunch time to make sure that children do not have any less teaching time next year.

In line with the current guidelines, parents will not be allowed in the classrooms and certainly for the beginning of the term all meetings between teachers and parents will be via phone.

### **During the day**

The children will be taught primarily within their class group or "bubble" for all their learning. The children will be given their own small clear pencil case in September to ensure that pencils and pens etc. are not shared between children. This does mean that the children shouldn't bring their own resources from home and keep what they do bring in to a minimum. At break and lunchtimes they will be with the children in the other class for their year group. There will be some other changes, for example there will be no whole school Assemblies, no indoor PE, no singing or contact sports (including football at lunchtime!). However, I think it is important to note that many aspects of teaching and learning will continue to be the same.

Children will need to bring a small towel with them in a named plastic bag so that they can dry their hands.

Also if your child has games in the morning they will need to arrive at school in their games kit. They will need to bring in their uniform and change after the lesson. If their lesson is in the afternoon they will change into their kit at lunchtime and will come home still wearing it.

### **How will we plan the children's learning?**

I can understand parents' concern about how we will meet children's needs from September, particularly for those year groups who have not been in school at all since late March. All teachers have had detailed discussions with children's current teachers, not only about the work that children did in school, but also that which they have completed via, our learning platform, Seesaw. We will continue with our basic principle of adapting our teaching to respond to children's needs and we are very aware that children will have different experiences of home schooling. At the heart of our work will continue to be children's well-being as well as their academic progress. Although, I would suggest that these two aspects are very much linked.

### **School Uniform**

During this term, we have taken a somewhat pragmatic view with our school uniform policy. This was because there was a concern about parents having to purchase uniform for only a very short period of time but also due the requirement for clothing to be washed each day. However, from September I can confirm that we expect all children to wear school uniform every day.

### **Additional tuition**

At the same time as the guidelines were published there were announcements regarding additional funding to help children "catch up" including tutoring in school. As yet we have not received any additional information about this money. There is no provision for any additional teaching during the summer holidays, although there are additional on-learning resources available on *websites*.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

### **Looking forward**

I know that some parents and children will be apprehensive about returning in September. I hope that the information above provides some re-assurance, along with the success we have had so far this year in welcoming some children back into school. The numbers have increased over the term and we now have a significantly higher percentage of children in school in each year group than the figures often quoted in the media. Rest assured, we will continue to keep the children's best interests at the core of all our decisions regarding the provision in September.

### **And finally**

I know the summer holidays can be a time of great joy but equally I appreciate it can be a difficult time. If you have any concerns around any child's safety and wellbeing during the break, please contact the out of hours number for the multi-agency safeguarding hub otherwise known as the M.A.S.H. 0345 050 7666. Also please refer to our safeguarding information on the website. <https://bloxhamprimary.co.uk/safeguarding>

I would like to wish you a very happy, safe and healthy summer.

Best wishes

Matthew Ingall