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Whole School letter – Welcome Back

8/9/20

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back tomorrow. We have worked hard to ensure the school is well prepared to have all the children back safely and this includes changes to how children and parents come in and out of the school and move around school. The parent booklet sent to you in July explains everything more thoroughly but I would like to summarise the main points. We do expect everyone to follow the changes as they are all in place to keep everyone safe and everyone's cooperation and patience at this time is appreciated.

Firstly we now have a **barrier on the main car park** and this car park is **for staff only**. Any parents with a **blue disabled badge please telephone the school office** for advice. No parents or visitors are allowed in the school office at this time unless you have been given an appointment so please do not just turn up as you will be turned away. If you need any information please ring on 0191 274 5290, check our website or social media pages or email the admin email above.

Breakfast club is available and wrap around but parents must ring the school to book a place in advance, children **can not just turn up on the day**, again if this happens you will be sent away. Breakfast club start times and access are as follows, **please note that parents and children must queue socially distanced at all levels when accessing the site, only one parent/carer to drop off and children must remain by their side and not run around:**

8.10am Y6 (start time for all Y6), Leopards main hall entrance, Zebras gym entrance. **Y1** use the Early Years dining hall and access via the sand and water entrance, having accessed the site by the lower gate on Derwent Street. Please follow the one way systems.

8.15am Y5 access the main hall and **Y4** by the gym, Reception use the Early Years dining hall and access via the sand and water entrance having accessed the site by the lower gate on Derwent Street. Please follow the one way systems.

8.20am Y3 access the main hall and **Y2** access the gym.

At 8.30am the doors to breakfast club will close and children after that will need to come at their year group start time and via the correct entrance. We will not be using the minibuses for breakfast club for now.

All parents/carers must queue socially distanced when dropping off and collecting their children. You must access the correct gate and follow the one way systems. There will be no time to speak to staff at these times and you must leave the premises immediately. If you have any queries, concerns or

questions please contact us via the telephone or email. If you have to take children to different entrances at different times you will need to wait outside the school grounds until the allotted time. Families with Y3 and Y1 children who have the same drop off time must drop Y3 children off first.

8.45am Y2 use entrance on top yard and follow the one way system and form a socially distance queue.

8.50am for Y4 children as above. **8.55am for Y3** as above. **9am for Y5** as above. Please come at the exact time and not early or late, thank you.

8.55am Y1 use the entrance on Derwent Street and follow the one way system and form a socially distance queue.

9.05am Reception use the entrance on Derwent Street and follow the one way system and form a socially distance queue.

9.15am Nursery use the entrance on Derwent Street and follow the one way system and form a socially distance queue.

0-3 is open from **8am to 5pm** – please use the main entrance, the wrap around entrance is not to be used at this time.

Finish times: All parents must socially distanced queue when waiting for their children, please come at your allotted time, not early or late. Thank you.

2.45pm children in Y4, 5 & 6 who we have permission from parents to walk home alone will leave from the Axwell Park View gate by the Y6 classrooms.

2.45pm Y6 will leave to meet parents via the door to the top yard. They will be handed over one at a time to the parents in the queue and then must leave the site immediately.

2.45pm Nursery parents will access via Derwent Street following the one way system and socially distance queue.

2.50pm Y2 and their Y3, 4, 5 & 6 siblings will leave via the hall and gym and parents must access the site via the main gate on Deleval Road. Seals will leave from the gym and Penguins from the hall. Parents must socially distance queue.

2.55pm Y4 will leave to meet parents via the door to the top yard. They will be handed over one at a time to the parents in the queue and then must leave the site immediately.

2.55pm Reception parents will access via Derwent Street following the one way system and socially distance queue.

3pm Y3 children and their siblings from Y4, 5 and 6 will leave from the hall and gym and parents must access the site via the main gate on Deleval Road. Elephants will leave from the gym and Tigers from the hall. Parents must socially distance queue.

3.10pm Y1 parents will access via Derwent Street following the one way system and socially distance queue.

3.10pm Y5 will leave to meet parents via the door to the top yard. They will be handed over one at a time to the parents in the queue and then must leave the site immediately.

Children staying for wrap around will be taken there by staff. Clubs, swimming and tuition will start week 3 (w/b 21st Sept) and more information will follow about these soon. In Harmony for children up to and including Y4 will start week 4 (w/b 28th Sept), again more information will follow shortly.

Children must bring back their reading books and library books. Books will be cleaned in school. Children will be expected to take and bring back reading folders daily as usual.

We are looking forward to having everyone together again in a safe way and I'm sure any anxieties people will naturally be having will be quickly removed once we get going again.

See you all tomorrow!!

Warmest regards

Mrs Robson

