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Mission Statement “We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.”

5th June 2020

Dear Parents,

Further to my letter earlier this week there has been no change to the structure of each class group, the guidance is very clear that groups must not exceed 15 pupils in KS 1 and 2 and 8 in EYFS. We must also ensure that we keep each group apart from each other and they will have separate playground areas allocated. If there is a possibility to increase capacity we will consider all options to create additional ‘hub / s’ for those children disappointed not to have received a place. We must keep the same staff with the groups as much as we can manage.

Each class will need to be collected early on Friday to allow staff to clean each room and resources thoroughly; N and R at 12.45 and Y1 and Y6 at 1.00pm after they have had their lunch. Key Workers children may remain as per current arrangements.

Please help us to create a one-way system around the school gates. When you drop your child off, please cross the road to keep a social distance from the other parents who may be lining up.

Behaviour in school

Please check the Addendum: COVID-19 School Behaviour Policy under the Policies and COVID-19 section of the school website. Pupils will be expected to follow this new code of conduct in school from next week. Teachers will share the policy with the children but it would be good if you could prepare them as well.

Behaviour outside of school

This is an urgent plea to parents and pupils to behave responsibly by not breaking social distancing regulations particularly by gathering in large groups and allowing children to have close contact with each other. Please do not put each other or our staff at risk, especially as we rely on staff from BAME groups who are particularly vulnerable. Your support in this matter would be much appreciated by all.

We aim to stagger the starting days for the classes to allow teachers and pupils time to get used to their new routines such as 2m distances, one way system, learning environments...

N, R and Y1 will have an earlier finish time to reduce congestion around the school at the end of the day and to allow staff time to clean resources and prepare for next day’s learning. We

Year 6 will start school on Monday 8th June 9 - 3.15 using the KS 2 gate

Year 1 will start school on Monday 8th June 9 -3.00pm using the KS 1 gate

Nursery and Reception will start on Wednesday 10th June, 9.15 – 2.45

Reception drop off is at the Nursery gate at 9.00 and Nursery drop off is at 9.15 also at the Nursery gate.

Teachers plan to meet the children in their playgrounds and welcome them to school and explain the new arrangements such as hand washing and allocated seat arrangements before they go to the classrooms.

Pupils must not attend school with Covid 19 symptoms. If a child lives in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable it is advised they only attend school if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and they are able to understand and follow those instructions.

We strongly advise that one parent only to do the drop off and pick up at end of day and ensure social distancing is maintained, parents must not gather around the school gates at drop off and pick up times. 2m distance signs along the fence should be followed by parents while waiting to drop off or pick up times. Scooters and bicycles can not be taken into school to avoid congestion. PACT folders or any items except water bottle and prescribed medication must not be brought to school. Water bottles must have child’s name clearly

labelled.

Pupils should wear white short sleeved tee shirt, navy cardigan / jumper, navy mid length shorts, socks and sports shoes and have a sun hat. Sun cream applied at home if needed.

Packed lunches will be provided for all pupils by our kitchen staff, pupils will eat in their classrooms or in the garden areas depending on space and weather.

Play times and lunchtimes will be staggered.

All of the above will be the 'new normal' for us all in the weeks ahead, we will keep these under review and amend as needed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of you, your children and our staff. Your support and cooperation will be much appreciated.

Many thanks

B Nugent