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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you know, the government has set out its intention for all pupils to return to full time education at the start of September. This is underpinned by the following principles:

Prevention,

This will be achieved by limiting contact between pupils and implementing robust hygiene measures

Response to infection

This requires schools to have clear protocols in place and for the school community to engage in the Track and Trace process (details attached).

I am pleased to say our partial reopening to children in Years R, 1 and 6 has been implemented successfully and we will be building upon our experiences during this time. This letter outlines key information for the return of all pupils in September.

Health and Hygiene Controls

- The school will be regularly cleaned. This will include during the day where staff will disinfect tables and clean resources.
- Children will be expected to wash their hands more frequently, on entry to the school, during transitions, at lunchtime and home time.
- We will promote the 'Catch it, Bin It, Kill it' approach to hygiene.

Bubble Organisation

- The school will be divided into three bubbles. A Lower Phase Bubble (YR/ Y1/ Y2), Oak Class Bubble (Y3/4) and Elm Class Bubble (Y5/6). The children will remain within these bubbles during the day to reduce contact with others.
- Children will be provided with their own pencil case containing resources they require on a regular basis. Other equipment will be used within the bubble and cleaned regularly.
- The staffing structure will be as set out as anticipated in our June letter. Children in the Lower Phase Bubble will work in smaller single year groups during the morning.
- Read, Write, Inc sessions will continue in small groups within the Lower Phase Bubble.
- In Years 1-6 classrooms will be configured so that children are seated with front facing desks. In Acorn class the children will work in small groups within the class with the number of children able to access each activity at one time limited.

Social Distancing

- Assemblies and collective worship will take place at the start of each day in the class/ bubble group.
- Only essential visitors or those linked to the delivery of the curriculum will be allowed into school. Visitors will be expected to maintain hygiene and social distancing protocols at all times.

- The DfE has recognised that strict social distancing will not always be possible within bubbles, especially with primary aged pupils. The guidance states: “we recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them, not to distance within their group.”

Bringing Items To and From School

- We encourage children to bring in as little as possible from home.
- Toys will not be allowed.
- Lockers will be used by Acorn, Oak and Elm classes. Maple group will continue to use the cloakroom in the classroom.
- Reading books for home reading will be reinstated. When they are returned these will need to be quarantined for 72 hours and cleaned before being recirculated.
- Each child will have their own Home Learning Journal which can travel between home and school each day within the bubbles. Maths and English homework will be set on Teams.

Adults Working in School

- Adults have been allocated to specific bubbles but the guidance states they can move between bubbles.
- Unnecessary movement across bubbles will be restricted and staff will maintain social distancing when working within other bubbles.
- Music teachers will be allowed into school to deliver lessons. They will be expected to have their own risk assessments in place and maintain social distancing at all times.

Staggered Start and Collection Times

- All classes will return on Monday 7th September 2020.
- Classes will have staggered start and drop off times (see the table below).
- All children will enter through the playground.
- Only one adult to drop off/ collect to reduce congestion. Children will not be permitted to walk home unaccompanied.
- We will not be able to make alternative arrangements for siblings with different drop off/ collection times, however, we have reduced the amount of time between each one.

Class	Acorn	Maple	Oak	Elm
Drop Off Time	8:45	8:55	8:55	8:45
Lunch Time	11:45-12:30	11:45-12:30	12:20-1:05	12:30-1:15
Collection Time	3:15	3:25	3:25	3:15

Lunch Arrangements

- The full Dolce menu will be available with hot and cold choices
- Menu choices must be pre-ordered through School Grid as usual.
- Children will collect their meals from the serving hatch and eat in the classroom. The hatch will be cleaned between servings.
- Packed lunches may be brought in and stored in the classroom.
- Wherever possible, each bubble will have a lunchtime supervisor allocated to it.

Curriculum Coverage

- Staff will be mindful that children have had different experiences during the period of school closure and will begin by focussing upon wellbeing and re-establishing routines.
- We will be teaching a full, broad and balanced curriculum linked to our planned topics. In Years 1 and 2 this will be Dogger, in Years 3 and 4 it will be Stig of the Dump and Tudor Tales for Years 5 and 6.
- Staff will be identifying gaps in learning and re-establishing good progress by teaching key skills linked to Reading, Writing and Maths.

After School Clubs

- After school clubs will be scheduled and run by Youth Dreams Project.
- Teachers will not be running clubs in the Autumn Term.
- Bubbles will be maintained when delivering after-school clubs so there will be less than previously offered during this time.
- A timetable and information about how to book will be shared next week.

Early Birds/ Stay and Play

- Our Early Birds/ Stay and Play provision will resume on 7th September. Additional measures have been put in place for this. Please see the leaflet attached for more details.
- Bookings can be made through Kids Club HQ (<https://folksworthcofe.kidsclubhq.co.uk/cust#/auth>)

Attendance Expectations

- If your child is healthy and well they will be expected to attend school full time.
- Fines for non-attendance will be reintroduced again for children of compulsory school age unless a statutory reason applies.
- If your child is going to be absent, the school office should be contacted by 9:30am to inform us of the reason for their absence.
- If your child, or a member of your household, is showing Covid-19 related symptoms please notify the school and engage in the Test, Track and Trace process.
- Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying even the mildest symptoms linked to Covid-19.

Uniform

- We would expect full uniform to be worn by the children at all times.
- Uniform can be purchased through Total Clothing.
- Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days. As this is replacing their school uniform we do expect that our school PE kit is worn as set out in the uniform section of our website.

Class	Acorn	Maple	Oak	Elm
PE Day	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday	Tuesday

Finally

We recognise that the children and families will be anxious about returning to school in September. Please be assured that our staff will be working hard to make their school experience as normal as possible whilst supporting the children in settling back into routine and making sure they follow these enhanced health and safety procedures and protocols.

If you have any further questions please do call school, email or speak to me on the school gate over the next few days.

If you think there is anything we should know about your child's circumstances prior to them starting back at school in September please do email us and we will contact you during our training days on 3rd and 4th September at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Norbury
Headteacher