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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have received several letters today containing information about September. These have included information about drop off and pick up and new attendance information.

All other general information is contained in this letter. Apologies as it is fairly long and detailed. Hopefully this will mean you have all the information you need for starting school again on **September 8th**. If there are any changes between now and then we will inform you by email/text and then follow up with a letter. Please look out for communication during the holidays.

Monday 7th September is a training day. All children will return to school on Tuesday 8th September, including new starters in reception.

I now want to share with you our plans for the safe reopening of Badger Hill for the new school year. This will include what the school day will look like, staffing arrangements, groupings for your child/children, health and safety information and what drop off and pick up arrangements will look like. Hopefully this will answer the majority of your questions but as always we are here to answer anything that you think we haven't covered. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you have any questions.

School Organisation

All children will return to school in their normal classes. The 7 classes will be grouped together to create 4 bubbles. The bubbles have been created to allow for easier drop off in the morning, break times and lunch times. These will, for now, be the only time that the bubbles will be together. Staffing arrangements in each class will be as previously shared with you.

Bubble A- Reception and Y1

Bubble B- Y2 and Y3

Bubble C- Y4 and Y5

Bubble D – Y6

Please see below for the timings of the new school day:

	Reception and Year 1 Entrance and exit through their own class door following one way system		Year 2 and Year 3 Entrance through bottom playground gate and then around to own classroom doors		Year 4 and Year 5 enter through top playground gate and straight through hall door		Year 6 (enter through bottom playground gate and then straight through classroom door)
	Bubble A		Bubble B		Bubble C		Bubble D
Drop off (see separate letter)	8.30- 8.45		8.30-8.45		8.45-9.00		
Break time	10.00-10.15 Main playground		10.20-10.35 Main playground		10.40-10.55 Main playground		10.45 and 11.00 MUGA
Lunch time	11.45-12.10 Main playground 12.15-12.45 Lunch in the hall		12.15- 12.40 Lunches in classroom 12.45-1.10 Main Playground		12.15- 12.35 Main playground 12.45-1.10 Lunches in classroom		12.20-12.40 MUGA 12.45-1.10 Lunches in classroom
Pick up (see separate letter)	3.00 Leave from classroom door	3.10 Leave from classroom door	3.00 Class to be brought to main playground and dismissed	3.10 Class to be brought to main playground and dismissed	3.15 Class to be brought to main playground and dismissed	3.20 Class to be brought to main playground and dismissed	3.25 Class to be brought to main playground and dismissed

We will continue to operate a one way system for drop off and pick up and a separate letter has been sent to explain this in more detail. This will help to ensure we are maintaining social distancing at all times. We would also ask that only ***one adult drops off and picks up where possible, this includes not bringing siblings who do not attend our school.*** If anyone should have siblings in another year group then they should arrive at the earliest drop off time however at the end of the school day please wait in the collection zones on the playground until all children have been dismissed. There will also be markings on the school playground as well as clear signage to ensure parents/children understand the system.

We have also staggered drop off and pick up times (see timetable above) to allow for maximum social distancing at all times. ***Please note that Reception children will have different times for the first day.*** Children will be asked to wash their hands on their way into school (we will have mobile handwashing units based outside). If children are not able to wash hands on the way in they will be asked to wash their hands immediately on entering the school building.

Health and safety in school

We will have mobile handwashing stations situated in key positions around school (these will move depending on the time of day and children will wash their hands whenever they enter the school building including before and after breaks and lunch. Each classroom will have their own cleaning stations which will include hand sanitiser, cleaning wipes for equipment and cleaning equipment for surfaces. Alongside this each classroom will have their own first aid kit and tissues which will be placed into lidded bins to stop any further transmission of germs. ***Any shared areas/learning spaces/resources will be cleaned between classes or bubbles. Resources may be quarantined for up to 72 hrs if needed.***

Staff will not wear PPE routinely although they will follow social distancing rules where possible and follow a very rigorous system for handwashing etc. PPE will only be worn if staff need to support children 1:1 or should any children become ill during the school day or show symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19). The PPE would be a mask, apron and gloves. If children do show signs of coronavirus whilst in school, parents would be telephoned and children would be removed to a safe area with a member of staff. The current guidelines state that If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

infection', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

Classroom Organisation

School uniform is expected as normal although we are able to support any families who are struggling with this. We are aware that some children may have grown out of uniform etc. Please let the school office know as soon as possible if you require assistance with uniform.

Children are able to bring a bag/book bag into school and planners and reading books will be sent home as normal. When books are returned to school they will be placed in a quarantine box for 48hrs before being placed back onto shelves. PE kits can be brought into school and ideally left for the whole week. This is to ensure that we are sharing as little as possible between home and school. Bags should be as compact as possible with a clear handle/loop for hanging onto pegs. Children will not be able to share or borrow PE kits from school so it is very important that PE kits are in school.

The Reception classroom will be set up as normal with some adjustments to resources etc.

The Y1 classroom will be set up with more areas of provision within the classroom. This is to allow for continuity from the EYFS curriculum to the Y1 curriculum. (Families of Y1 children will receive more information in September on this)

Years 2-6 will be set up with forward facing desks although children will be sat next to each other.

As far as possible we want the children to return to a normal classroom.

Staff within the classrooms will, where possible, will maintain a 1m+ distance but there may be times when they would be closer e.g. when working 1:1 or in a small group. This would never exceed more than 15 minutes in any one session.

PPA Staff

In order to offer a full and balanced curriculum we will be continuing our links with Mr Davies (PE Specialist from York Schools Sports Network) and also a new Spanish teacher Ms Ruze who will be working across KS1 and KS2 supporting with PPA. Myself, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Burnett will also be teaching across different classrooms. All staff who do work across different bubbles will adhere to the 2 metre rule at all times.

Lunchtimes

Lunches will continue to be served in the classroom apart from Reception and Y1 who will return to eating in the hall. A grab bag will be available as well as a hot lunch option. A provisional menu will be sent out later this week along with a short survey to help us predict numbers for September. This will be a short term solution and we will endeavour to have hot lunches available to all children within the first 3 weeks.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

BC and ASC will return to normal from the week beginning the 14th September. We can confirm that all requests for both BC/ASC have been allocated places. If you would still like to make a booking then please let the school office know by Friday 17th July at the latest.

BC will be open from 8.00am each morning and ASC from 3.15-6.00pm. At this current time we will not be able to take any ad hoc bookings and therefore will only be accepting children who have booked in. This is so that we can keep accurate records of our bookings.

Children will be organised into bubbles-more information to follow.

Clubs

For the first 3 weeks but possibly longer, we won't be running any extra-curricular clubs. This is only a short term measure but will hopefully allow us all to settle back into the new school routine. We will be in touch with more information in the autumn term.

New Curriculum

We are very excited in school to return to our new curriculum at Badger Hill. Staff have been working very hard over this period to ensure that we will still be delivering an exciting curriculum for all children. For the first term we will be focusing on delivering the curriculum relevant for your child's year group but within this curriculum there will be a focus on key skills.

We will continue to use our new online platforms of Class Dojo and Google Classroom for things such as homework and also our catch up curriculum. Both of these platforms would also be used in the event of a bubble being out of school or the school facing a short term lockdown. Staff would be ready to transfer work seamlessly to Google Classroom or Class Dojo in the event of either of these scenarios happening.

We will be offering all children an opportunity to catch up on the key skills/knowledge that they may have missed or that need embedding further. More information will follow about this in the autumn term. This will be year group specific and also combine small group sessions with work set in Google Classroom/Class Dojo/Google Meets.

Class Dojo

Finally a reminder that from September all parents will be able to follow their child's class learning, whole school news and receive instant messages from school by using the Class Dojo app. Please let the school office know if you haven't been able to sign up. **Class Dojo does not replace contacting the school office for important messages.**

A final thank you for your continued patience and support over the last few months. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.



Mrs Whittingham