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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all managed a restful holiday and had a well-deserved break from home learning! Staff are all ready to go and cannot wait to welcome children back into school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

You received much of the information regarding school reopening in July but I thought it would be helpful to remind you of the key information that you will need.

**All children will return on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September including our brand new reception class.**

### **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:

	<b>Reception and Year 1</b> Entrance and exit through their own class door following one way system		<b>Year 2 and Year 3</b> Entrance through bottom playground gate and then around to own classroom doors		<b>Year 4 and Year 5 enter through top playground gate and straight through hall door</b>		<b>Year 6 (enter through bottom playground gate and then straight through classroom door)</b>	
	Bubble A		Bubble B		Bubble C		Bubble D	
Drop off (see separate letter)	<b>8.30- 8.45</b>		<b>8.30-8.45</b>		<b>8.45-9.00</b>			
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)	<b>3.00</b> Leave from classroom door	<b>3.10</b> Leave from classroom door	<b>3.00</b> Class to be brought to main playground and dismissed	<b>3.10</b> Class to be brought to main playground and dismissed	<b>3.15</b> Class to be brought to main playground and dismissed	<b>3.20</b> Class to be brought to main playground and dismissed	<b>3.25</b> Class to be brought to main playground and dismissed	

We will continue to operate a one way system for drop off and pick up. Letters explaining these arrangements are on our website should you have misplaced them. They are under the tab for parents and then letters. 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). **This may be subject to change but as always we will keep you informed if and when this should happen.** 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 10 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. 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 worn. ***A change to the previous letter is that children should come to school wearing their PE kits on the days that their class have PE. Staff will let you know via class dojo/Twitter/newsletter which days this applies to. Please note this is only a short term change.***

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 2metre 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. 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 14<sup>th</sup> September. We can confirm that all requests for both BC/ASC have been confirmed.**

**If you are still requiring a place at either BC or ASC then please let the school office know by 3.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. After this any new bookings will be considered individually to the health and safety restrictions placed upon us.**

BC will be open from 8.00am each morning and ASC from 3.00-6.00pm. 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 and you will receive a letter from breakfast club/after school club next week.

## **Bikes**

Children will be able to bring scooters and bikes into school again but we would ask that parents where possible are responsible for the securing of the bikes and scooters. This is due to our one way system. We have taped off some of the bike storage sections to account for social distancing.

## **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.

The school office will be open on Monday if you should need to contact us. We look forward to welcoming all of our families back to school.



Mrs Whittingham