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Dear Parent/Carer

At present, we are welcoming back an increasing number with more and more families wanting their children to return to school. At the time of writing, I am still awaiting further announcements from the government in regards to social distancing and specifics in relation to school and education. However, I wanted to update you with as much information as I have at this stage.

We are managing the increasing numbers returning to school in a phased, controlled and safe manner. As such, some of our procedures have changed:

- Parents/Carers who drop off and pick up will not be allowed on school site. Instead, you will be allocated a pick up and drop off time. A member of school staff will meet you at the gate. We request that you stick to these times to prevent a gathering at the gate and allow for social distancing
- If your child or a member of the household becomes symptomatic then they **MUST NOT** attend school. You must follow the national guidelines
- If your child becomes symptomatic whilst at school, they will be isolated in our allocated room and you will be contacted immediately to collect them from school.
- We ask that you collect them immediately as the longer they are in school the more people they put at risk
- First Aiders may well take your child's temperature.
- In terms of testing: 'Everyone has access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19) and should get tested in this scenario. If your If your child tests positive you should inform the school
- In school staff and children are operating in bubbles (these might be different from their previous class). Each bubble will have their own area of the playground for both break and lunchtimes
- The curriculum we are teaching in school is an interim curriculum that has four strands to it: Dojo of the Day; Physical Activity; Outdoor learning; PSHE & wellbeing. We feel these aspects are important to the children right now and key to them settling back into school and education.

If you feel your child does need to return to school prior to the summer holidays, speak to class staff during your weekly call and/or complete an application form that can be found on our website (Coronavirus page right at the bottom). Also please be aware that transport to and from school is now limited due to the social distancing constraints and you may be asked to bring your child in yourself in the short term.

Finally, if you normally access free school meal vouchers we have been informed that you will be able to claim for these over the 6-week summer holiday period. Again, once I have more information regarding this we will be in touch with you.

With my best wishes

Mrs D Fountain

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