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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Government has stated that it is now safe for all children to return to school in September and I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for your child. The children's first day back is Wednesday 2nd September 2020 and school will be returning to our normal policy for school absence.

There is a lot of information in this letter. Please ensure you understand everything it contains and contact us for further information if necessary.

Year 2 Start time: 8.50 am – 9.00 am

End of time: 3.25 pm – 3.35 pm

Bubbles

New government guidance stipulates that children should be kept in bubbles with different start/end/lunchtimes and playtimes. Our bubbles are going to be year group bubbles. Staff can work between bubbles and wherever possible will remain 2 metres apart. Children's frequently used resources such as a writing pencil, whiteboard pen will be named and for your child's use only. Bubbles will have exclusive use of identified toilets to reduce cross contamination. Children will stay within their bubble either inside or in a designated outdoor space. Seating in Year 1 and Year 2 will be in rows. All equipment used during the day will be for the exclusive use of your child's year group bubble and be cleaned between sessions. Staff will keep dated records of children/staff that attend different groups and work with certain staff. In the event that we do have a Covid case we will be able to track and inform parent/carers who need to isolate. In a worst case scenario a whole bubble will need to isolate.

Social Distancing and Health and Safety

No parent/carers can enter the classroom. As is the present case children will not be able to bring toys from home in to school. Packed lunches, hats, gloves must be brought in a bag. Reading books can be taken home and changed regularly as the books will remain within the same bubble.

Communication with teachers will be limited to phone calls and email. Parent/carer meetings and Special Educational Need (SEND) reviews during the Autumn term will take the form of telephone calls.

Arrival at School

When accompanying your child to school we request that only one adult bring or collect a child. **Children should arrive to school during their allocated arrival time and be collected during their allocated time.** Adults must not be on the school site outside of their designated time slot. All children may be walked to the entrance of the classroom, but parent/carers must allow the child to enter on their own.

If you arrive after your allocated arrival time you will be asked to return home with your child and contact school to rearrange a new time for that day.

The gate between Royd School and Deepcar St John's Junior School will remain locked to prevent cross contamination.

On arrival and departure to and from school, pupils and one parent/carer will need to enter via the 'top gate' situated on Carr Road where the lollipop lady usually stands. A member of staff will be present. To ensure two metre distancing, there are white spot/line markers sprayed on the floor for your child to line up outside their designated classroom. Clearly the risk from social gatherings needs to be kept to a minimum and we particularly request that parent/carers do not gather at the gates.



Lunch and Refreshments

During the first week we will be offering a hot and cold sandwich option.

Wednesday 2 nd September	Hot roast chicken sandwich or	ham, cheese or Tuna sandwich
Thursday 3 rd September	Cheese and ham panini or	ham, cheese or Tuna sandwich
Friday 4 th September	Fish finger wrap or	ham, cheese or Tuna sandwich

The following week (7/9/2020) we will be commencing our normal menu of hot and cold food. The Menu will be emailed to parent/carers and will also be on the school website. Children in bubbles will have staggered lunchtimes, sitting apart whenever possible and staff will be cleaning between sittings.

If your child cannot use a knife and fork please practise this during the Summer break. Staff will still need to follow social distancing whenever possible.

All children should bring to school enough water to last them the whole day. It is unclear whether morning snack will be provided. Therefore please provide your child with a healthy snack option (e.g. a piece of fruit).

Contacting School

If you need to ask a question or discuss something with school or the teacher, we would ask that you make contact in the first instance by phone or email. Any messages will be passed on to teachers at the beginning of the day. Given the tight schedule and social distancing, it will not be possible to discuss issues with the teacher at the classroom door.

Behaviour

Our expectation of behaviour will remain high. It is particularly important that children listen and follow instructions - it is dangerous not to do so.

Illness

Please do not send your child to school if they or anyone else in your home is displaying COVID-19 symptoms. While the virus is not presenting as particularly dangerous to children, it remains so for adults. We would ask that you let us know immediately if your child or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms. If anyone does contact us, we will give you as much notice as possible should a bubble need to be isolated, although on some occasions there may not be much advance warning.

If a child or member of staff in a bubble displays symptoms of the virus, then they must have a COVID-19 test. If this test is positive, then the bubble must self-isolate for 14 days. If a child or member of staff tests negative, then the bubble is able to return.

Parent/carers need to work with Track and Trace and follow all guidance.

Should a pupil develop a persistent cough and/or a temperature whilst at school, they will be isolated until a parent/carer is able to collect them. Staff will be wearing the appropriate PPE for first aid and administering medicine. This could include gloves, goggles, face shields and aprons.

Children will not be required to wear a mask.

Transport

If you and your children require public transport to get to school then please take care:

- Maintain social distancing at all times and avoid contact with hard surfaces (where possible).
- Pupils should be discouraged from eating and drinking when using public transport to reduce the risk of contamination by touching their mouth and face.

Further information concerning this is available on the government website.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

The Government is encouraging all parents and children to actively travel ie walking to school as scooters cannot be left on school premises.

If driving, do not park in the school car park and adhere to parking sensibly to avoid conflict with local residents.

Uniform

We are returning to our school uniform policy from September. Please contact the school office to place an order. Please ensure your child wears clean uniform everyday and that all your child's clothing can be fastened independently wherever possible (e.g. where necessary, consider elasticated waist trousers, skirts, velcro shoes / trainers).

Handwashing

Children will need to continue to handwash frequently during the school day. Please share this video with your child and practise washing hands following the guidance.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeWLnEg&safe=active>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=seA1wbXUQTs&safe=active>

https://www.who.int/gpsc/clean_hands_protection/en/

Recovery catch up

We fully appreciate the impact of lockdown on our school community and particularly on our children. We plan to deliver a number of well being activities in the first weeks to ensure that the children can return to the routine that school offers while supporting them in the reintroduction to school. We will also complete baseline assessments to ensure that gaps in learning are addressed and monitor their progress over the course of the year.

After school clubs

We are in discussion with Little Messy's football club to run two football skills sessions for the two Key Stage 1 bubbles. School is also in negotiations with LINKs regarding other after school clubs. Please look out for further information early in September.

Medication

Any medication such as inhalers must be labelled. They will be kept within the child's bubble in a safe place for easy access during the day. Please ensure all medication for your child is up to date and in school. Please return inhalers and epipens if they were sent home prior to lockdown.

If your child is given a prescription, please ensure the timings of the doses can be taken at home.

School Office

Please only visit the school office if absolutely necessary. No cash will be handled by the office staff and most queries can be handled over the phone or by email. Please check with the school website and Facebook page which may provide information to answer your query.

Further letters

During the school holidays please keep checking your emails for any urgent correspondence, especially towards the end of the Summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Louise Jones

Executive Head

