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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support and patience whilst we are planning for September. In order to do this as safely as possible, the following is being planned:

- Staggered start and end of day:
  Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 8.30am – 3pm

  Years 3,4,5 and 6: 8.45am-3.15pm

  Each class will have a specifc entrance to use. This is to support social distancing and ease congestion around the school site. I will provide more details about this before September.

- The children in Years 1 – 6 will be in class bubbles. This is to ensure high standards of hygiene and keep children almost as a safe contained group for school work, breaks and lunches so they only socialise with their class group.

- Our new Reception children will have a staggered start for their induction to school. Details about this have already been sent out. Once they are in full time then they will operate in a Year group bubble. This is due to the open plan learning areas, however, they will still be kept in class groups as much as possible to minimise mixing.

- The school lunch offer will continue as it currently is. This is a packed lunch offer only with a hot finger food option on a Friday.

- Due to the restrictions in place, Extended day provision will be limited. We are currently planning for this and more details will follow. Please complete the survey on the school website news page if you need this provision. This provision will not be open until 14th September.

- Full school uniform will be required. On PE days, children will need to come to school in their school PE kit. The teaching staff will inform you of PE days at the start of term.

- The first two days back in Spetember will be for transition with a focus on well - being. I have included details of our recovery plan to support well-being with this letter.

I know you will be anxious to know what measures we are putting in place to reduce risk in our school. The Apley team have been following all available guidance to develop a robust plan, which ensures the best possible safety in school for all children and staff.

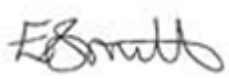
In addition to the above details, some of the measures include:

- School building/Playground markings and signs to support social distancing
- Staggered breaks/lunchtimes – using different parts of the school grounds.
- Children will be seated in pairs, facing the front of the classroom and have their own stationery to use.
- Increased ventilation in classrooms.
- Increased toilet cleaning and classroom cleaning with antiviral disinfectant.
- Increased handwashing throughout the day.
- Children to bring own water bottle daily. Only school reading books, lunchboxes and water bottles can be brought from home (no school bags please.)
- Lockers will not be in use. This is to avoid groups mixing and congestion in school corridors.
- All children attending school, are entitled to a COVID-19 test if they have any symptoms.

We are continuing to work through the guidance from both the Government and the Local Authority which is being updated regularly. There will be a full risk assessment in place and available for you to read on the School website before we open in September and I will send out further guidance and information over the coming weeks.

Please be assured that we will do everything we can to make the beginning of the new school year as positive as possible. I am really looking forward to having a full school back together again. Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E. Smith
Headteacher