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School Reopening – Thursday, 2nd September, 2021.

24th August 2021

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you with details regarding the re-opening of school on Thursday, 2nd September, 2021 for all pupils.

During the summer holidays, we appointed a new School Business Manager (SBM) – Miss Devaney. Miss Devaney's employment with our school begins on the 8th September. Therefore, for the first week and a half, we will be operating with limited office capacity.

Should you need to contact school or your child's teacher, please email school, as per the School's Communication Plan (this is being updated to remove the previous Covid-19 references).

School Reopening:

On the 17th August, the government released their latest guidance to schools. The guidance urges caution, as does Professor Arden's (Wigan Public Health) broadcasts across social media and numerous TV channels. All schools are advised that should an outbreak occur (5 positive cases within 10 days) then a range of restrictions will be considered to be re-imposed. As such, schools need to consider a safe and measured re-opening in September.

Schools are instructed that **frequent hand-washing and good ventilation must be maintained** and controlled throughout the school day.

Breakfast Club and After-School Clubs:

- **Breakfast Club** runs every day from 7.30 am until 8.30 am - £2.50 or £3.50 (with breakfast)
- **Activity Club** runs every day from 8.30 am until 8.45 am – 50 p per session or £2 for the week. Free entry if you attend Breakfast Club.
- **After-School Club** activities are in place every day 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm - £3.00
- **Kidz at Heart** provision runs from 3.30 pm until 6pm every day - £ 7.50

School Uniform:

- School uniform is to be worn every day except for when it is PE.
- On your child's allocated PE day, your child must come to school wearing their school PE kit.
- Children can bring in a bottle of still, plain water. This can be refilled during the day in school. Please label your child's bottle and uniform.
- School Reading Bags can be brought into school. All other types of bags including sports and/or handbags are not permitted.

School Opening Times:

We will no longer be operating staggered start and end times to the school day. 'Rolling Registration' will be from 8.45 am until 9 am for all year groups. School lessons will begin promptly at 9 am and school finishes at 3.30 pm.

We will still be operating a one-way system into and out of school. Please enter school grounds via the small black gate onto the pathway into school and leave via the staff car park.

Year Group	Registration Times	Entrance	End Time	Exit (pick-up)
Reception	8.45 am – 9 am	Side Classroom Door	3.30 pm	Playground Gate
Year 1	8.45 am – 9 am	External Classroom Door	3.30 pm	External Classroom Door
Year 2	8.45 am – 9 am	External Classroom Door	3.30 pm	External Classroom Door
Year 3	8.45 am – 9 am	Rear entrance	3.30 pm	Rear entrance – playground
Year 4	8.45 am – 9 am	Front entrance	3.30 pm	Rear entrance – playground
Year 5	8.45 am – 9 am	Front entrance	3.30 pm	Front of school
Year 6	8.45 am – 9 am	Rear entrance	3.30 pm	Front of school – leave via fire exit

Break Times:

We will continue with the staggered break times and zoned areas. This is to reduce unnecessary mixing of children and to continue with the positive experiences of the children during break and lunch times. The children will resume eating in the school hall. There will be some mixing of children in here.

Home Reading Books:

For the first half-term only, we will continue with Bug Club (online reading). We have purchased new home reading books for all year groups and these will be ready to be used in Autumn Term 2.

Assemblies:

We will be continuing in the Autumn Term with the recordings of the Friday Assemblies. These will continue to be made available to parents on a Friday via the newsletter and website.

Remote Learning:

All children have been progressed to the next year group on all of the relevant systems / programmes. Their usernames and passwords will stay the same. Children new to school have all been assigned a username and password for the relevant programmes.

Key Stage 2 Foundation Subjects:

We will be resuming the 'good' practice of subject leads teaching the key stage 2 classes for their subjects. Rather than the children moving classrooms (previous practice), the teachers will move classrooms.

School Website:

The school website needs to be updated and refreshed to reflect the relaxations of restrictions and the changes to school over the past 2 years. Therefore, some of the information on there may now be out of date. Myself and Miss Devaney will endeavour to update this as quickly as we can.

Thank you for your continued patience and support

Kind Regards

J. McDermott

Mr McDermott
Headteacher