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Tuesday, 19 May 2020

Dear Parents

I am pleased to say we are able to offer some time in school for your child in June. Following the government guidelines and understanding that our pupils are not able to socially distance themselves all of the time, we are providing a Part-Time provision open to all children rather than just Year 6 and Reception. This will enable us to maximise the safety for all as best we can, ensuring that no more than half a class is in at the same time and keeping shared spaces out of bounds (except the outside). Obviously, we also need to take into account that several of our staff are not in school for reasons of self-isolation due to vulnerability.

To further help maintain safety, we are asking you to send a packed lunch for your child and bottled drinks. If this is impossible, please let us know. (We will continue to issue vouchers for those on FSM.)

It is vital that if anyone in your household or your child, becomes poorly or displays symptoms, that you keep them at home please and let us know straight away. Unfortunately, if there is suspected (or confirmed) Coronavirus in school, we will have to send all the children in that class home for 14 days and may even, depending on the circumstances, need to close the school for a period and we certainly want to avoid that. Please do check your child's temperature if they become unwell.

Staff will be wearing PPE. They will wear face masks, disposable gloves and face shields in the corridors, public areas and when collecting your child and at home time. In the classroom, this will be relaxed to suit the needs of children and staff. We will send a social story home very soon to help you prepare your child for their return to school.

On arrival, children will be collected from vehicles (please do not bring them to the door). We will go through a routine of helping your child use hand sanitiser before going into school and then washing their hands with soap and water when they get to their classroom.

It is essential I am afraid for us to ask children NOT to bring in any toys from Home at this time. PECs books and TalkPads should be sent and will be cleaned on arrival and before being sent home again. We will not be using diaries either so please send any messaging via email or by telephoning the office.

Unfortunately, in order to ensure the safety of other pupils and staff, we will need to ask you to keep your child at home if they display particularly challenging or aggressive behaviour towards others. We know this is a difficult situation, but I am sure you will understand this at the current time.

Whilst I realise this may be difficult, we would also ask you to send your child to school in fresh clean clothes every day. We know that the virus can be carried on clothes, so this is a very sensible precaution.

After ½ term, the Learning Grid on the website will still be uploaded with new activities every week, for you to use when your child is not in school. The daily videos will stop at this point.

Please also be advised that this plan is subject to change depending on the health of staff, government advice, the spread of the virus in the community and other issues that may arise.

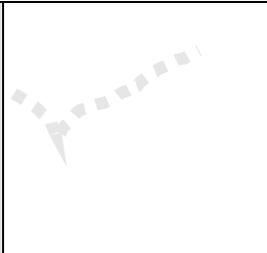
The days and times for your child's offered time in school are detailed below. Please could you complete the form as soon as possible, but certainly by 22nd May latest, so that we can confirm details. NB: If you do not wish your child to attend straight away but wish to change your mind later, you are welcome to do so – we just need one weeks' notice please.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hazel Simmons', written in a cursive style.

Hazel Simmons  
Headteacher

<b>Child's Name</b>		<b>Class</b>	
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<b>Days offered (normal school hours)</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Every Monday and Tuesday from 22<sup>nd</sup> June onwards</b>	
My child <b>WILL</b> attend		My child will <b>not</b> attend yet		
I require SCC transport pleas		I will provide a packed lunch and bottle for drink		Special requirements or needs?
1 <sup>st</sup> Parent /carer mobile		1 <sup>st</sup> Parent/carers email		
2nd Parent /carer mobile		2 <sup>nd</sup> Parent/carers email		

I understand the safety systems that will be in place and I agree with them.

I understand that my child must stay at home if any member of my household displays symptoms or is poorly.

I understand that this plan is subject to change if necessary.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_