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Re-opening protocols for September

We have thoroughly considered all the recent government documents and advice on schools reopening and carefully thought through a plan which complies with this new guidance.

Taking the above into account, the following principles will be followed:

Provisions made in school:

- ** Children will remain with their class and year group throughout the day; minimising contact with other year groups
- ** Staff have been allocated to meet the needs of individuals both educationally and pastorally.
- ** Should the school need to close, due to low staffing levels, you will be informed via WEDUC, Twitter and our website.
- ** If there is wet weather, the children will remain in their classrooms
- ** Breaktimes and lunchtimes have been staggered so that there are less children outside at a time. Each year group has been allocated a designated area of the grounds to support this.
- ** Assemblies will continue to take place in a digital format and be streamed into classrooms.
- ** All staff have received training and have been briefed in order to ensure they understand and can enforce the new routines and explain these to the children
- ** Time has been allocated to focus upon PSHE (mental health and wellbeing) in which children will have time to understand more about their feelings and develop mechanisms to cope with these.
- ** In younger year groups where Teaching Assistants work closely with children and for children who require additional support due to their Special Educational Needs, careful consideration has been given to children's support.
- ** The furniture in classrooms has been reconfigured to promote distancing as much as possible in line with new government expectations.
- ** Corridors and stairwells have been designated accordingly to promote safe movement and travel

** Children will be provided with a stationery pack. Labels will be provided to place names on key pieces of equipment so they know what they should use. Where equipment is handled by someone else, the disinfectant solution provided will be used to wipe down the equipment accordingly.

** Children will be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands regularly including when entering the classroom and continue to follow the “catch it, bin it, kill it” approach to coughs and sneezes as promoted. Sanitising units have been installed in every classroom.

** Rooms will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of the day and a cleaner has been arranged to be on site throughout the day to clean communal areas

** During the initial reopening in the first Autumn half-term (up to the October half-term), hot meals **will not** be available to minimise movement and establish safe routines with the children. As such, all children **will need to bring a packed lunch**. For those children entitled to FSM and UIFSM (Reception to Year 2), a packed lunch will be provided via the school kitchen though parents can send their own if they wish. If parents would like to purchase a packed lunch, this will be done in the same way as our usual dinner registers in the mornings. Most children will eat in their classrooms to minimise movement around the school and use of communal areas.

Parental obligations:

** If your child is not exhibiting symptoms and doesn't need to self-isolate they must attend school daily

** If your child falls ill during the day and develops symptoms, they will be immediately brought to the main reception and you will be called to come and collect your child

** Parents must drop children off at designated entrances around the school to stop parents congregating and allow for free movement. Parents will also collect children from these same locations. At all locations, parents must follow social distancing guidance – this will be practiced on transition days in September.

- Nursery and Reception - Ross Walk entrance and through the Nursery playground (not main reception)
- Year 1&2 – Ellis Avenue entrance or side gate on Bruin Street – meeting on Ellis Avenue Playground
- Year 3 & 4 - Bruin Street entrance – meeting on Bruin Street Playground
- Year 5 &6 – Bruin Street entrance for transition day and then Loughborough Road entrance

** If you wish to your child to have a packed lunch from home this must be brought to school with your child at the start of the day and must be kept in a plastic container or bag which can be wiped down. Packed lunches will not be accepted into school during the day to minimise contact.

** Please provide your child with a clearly labelled water bottle as water fountains around the site have been turned off for use at break and lunchtime. Water will be available to refill bottles in classrooms

** You must follow social distancing rules for adults (Please ensure that there is only 1 adult accompanying/collecting your child)

** Parents will not be able to enter the school building without an appointment. If you need to speak with a member of staff in the morning, please be sure to follow social distancing instructions.

The health and wellbeing of our children remains our number one priority.

I hope the information above answers many of your questions; however, if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

I look forward to welcoming your children back to school in the new academic year.

This information can be found on Twitter, WEDUC and our website.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr G Aldred