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Re-Opening Update

Dear Parents and Carers.

Each week we aim to update you about our re-opening of school to all our children. Every Thursday, we will write to you to inform you of any changes or additions to our arrangements in school. I shall try to think of a catchier name than "Re-opening Update" as the term progresses!

We shall do our best to keep changes limited. Any changes we make will be to improve school for children and minimise the impact our current arrangements have on our families.

Changes for next week (From Monday 14th September):

Drop off and pick up

You have all been brilliant at pick up and drop off – thank you! I am aware though that we would like our queue to move more quickly, particularly at pick up time.

The drop off and pick up windows will not change - they will be the same next week.

What we need you to do: From Monday we are asking you to drop off and pick up younger siblings with their elder siblings.

For example: if you have a child in Year 5 and Year One – you drop both children off in the Year 5 time and pick up in the Year 5 time. This will increase the learning time in school and also help us speed the pick up/queue time in the afternoon.

What we need you to do: We need everyone to observe social distancing in the queue. Everyone comes to school with a different experience, mindset and outlook. By observing social distancing we role model to our children the behaviour we need them to emulate and also keep our community feeling reassured and safe.

There are no changes to arrangements for using the school buses.

Lunch time:

We are altering our arrangements at lunch time so that we can reduce the number of sittings without impacting on our bubbles. This will limit the impact of lunch time on our staffing arrangements across school.

What we need you to do: You don't need to do anything other than have a lovely chat with your child about their lunch time and continue to send them to school with a healthy snack in the morning! Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive a snack from the government healthy fruit and vegetable scheme.

Also attached to this letter is a guide for parents in case someone in your household becomes unwell. We hope it will help answer questions and reassure our families – it is not exhaustive but covers the majority of scenarios we may see.

Thank you as always for your continued support and helping to keep our school not only safe but a great place to teach and a terrific place to come to learn.

Yours sincerely,



Mr King







