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Dear Parents,

September Return to School

We are now nearing the end of the summer term and already are looking ahead to September! In consultation with the staff and governors I have been working to formulate a plan to have all children back, in full-time education for the autumn term and beyond. This plan follows government guidance which has subsequently been adapted to suit the staffing, environment and needs of our school as highlighted in the risk assessments I have carried out. All of these documents are on the website in the policies and forms section <https://langar-cofe-primary.secure-primariesite.net/covid-19/>

What is the current situation & guidance?

The Governors and I have determined that the most appropriate option is to adopt HM Government and Local Authority Guidance. This guidance is developing and may change at any time.

The current government position is that they believe it is safe for children to return to schools in the normal numbers. These children will be allocated into bubbles. These bubbles serve two purposes; to minimize social contact for viral spread and to enable the effective use of the Track and Trace system. The head teacher and governing body are to determine how the suggested measures should be implemented safely in their own school, by risk assessing the building and staffing numbers. You will find that every school in the country will implement these

What is the school doing to prepare?

I have, in consultation with the staff and members of the governing body, undertaken a robust risk assessment to ensure that the school will be as safe as it can be. From these assessments, plans have been drawn up to mitigate the risk of viral spread. However, as the head teacher, I have to inform you that I cannot and will not guarantee that your children will be completely safe from COVID-19 in the school environment which they will return to.

The plans I am sharing with you are our preferred way of managing things, but are subject to change should further guidance or instruction be published by the government. It is important that you read this plan carefully so that you are fully aware of the school organisation that you and your child will be returning to.

Highlights

Start and End of Day

The start and end of the day will be staggered to prevent the amount of people coming into contact with each other. It is imperative that you adhere to the timings that you have been asked to attend and leave the site swiftly once you have dropped off or collected your child. The route into and out of school will continue to be the same one-way system as it is now.

Start of Day	8.30AM	8.40AM	8.50AM
	Group 1 Surnames – A to J inclusive (22 families)	Group 2 – Surnames K to P inclusive (20 families)	Group 3 – Surnames R to W (25 families)
End of Day	3.10PM	3.20PM	3.30PM
	Group 1 Surnames – A to J inclusive (26 families)	Group 2 – Surnames K to P inclusive (21 families)	Group 3 – Surnames R to W (26 families)
Families	Agutter (Pratt) , Armstrong, Baldwin, Bliedels, Bloor, Bradley, Breward, Bunney, Carter-Davies, Conduit, Croft, Croston, Crowder, Crump, Desforages, Dickenson, Flint, Goldspink, Halpin, Halsall, Harper, Hawkins, Johnson	Knowles, Litchfield, Lucas, McMillan, Merryweather, Modupe, Molnar, Morris, Murray, Nelken, Nicholson-White, Noon, Oldham, Padgett (Watt), Page, Paine, Parker, Parnham, Pearson, Prescott	Range, Ravenscroft, Richardson, Risk, Ritchie, Robb, Roberts, Scanlan, Scarborough, Smalley, Smith, Stilborn, Surguy, Swallow, Tregidgo, Tuffey, Turner, Wagstaff, Walker, Williams, Wright

Bubbles

The overarching principle to apply is **reducing the number of contacts between children and staff**. This can be achieved through keeping groups separate (in ‘bubbles’) and through maintaining distance between individuals. These are not alternative options and both measures will help, but the balance between them will change depending on:

- children’s ability to distance
- the lay out of the school
- the feasibility of keeping distinct groups separate while offering a broad curriculum

It is likely that for younger children the emphasis will be on separating groups, and for older children it will be on distancing. For children old enough, they should also be supported to maintain distance and not touch staff *where possible*.

Throughout this plan, younger children are defined as those in KS1 and younger and older children as KS2.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
15	15	10	15	11	15	12
40			26		27	
KS1 Bubble			Class 3 Bubble		Class 4 Bubble	

Break Time and Lunchtime

Children will take break times in their bubbles and utilising our extensive grounds to remain at distance from other bubbles. School lunches will return to normal, with school dinners being provided for all children in KS1 as part of Universal Free School Meals and for all other children who wish to have them. Children will be served lunch in their bubbles with class 3 and 4 staying in classrooms to eat and class 1 and 2 going to the hall. Our teachers and teaching assistants are generously giving of their time to assist children at lunchtime, alongside our midday assistants to maintain consistency within the bubbles.

Attendance

The government expects all children are expected to return to school in September. Parents who are anxious about this should get in touch with the school and engage in processes to build confidence. The usual attendance policy will be upheld which can be found on the website. Where appropriate, we will engage with the local authority to pursue sanctions for families with non-attending pupils (in line with the local authority's code of conduct).

If rates of infection in the local area rise, then some parents who have children who were once shielding due to medical advice may wish to isolate their children again. We will support those parents through dialogue with the school nurse team so that appropriate advice can be offered and leeway afforded. If these families following clinical and/or public health advice, absence will not be penalised.

Full Plan

You can read our full plan on our website and I would encourage you to read this in detail so that you fully understand the way in which school will be mitigating viral spread.

What will happen next?

We remain committed to keeping our school community safe and secure as we move forwards. In order to ensure the success of this plan, you will be asked to agree to upholding the principals on the home/school agreement.

We thank you for your commitment and flexibility thus far, and look forward to drawing our school family back together again after the summer break.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Emily Brown - Head Teacher

