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Dear Parents and Carers

Updates – From 7 June 2021

Thank you once again for all of your feedback regarding what has worked well in ‘covid times’. It’s been a great opportunity to reflect on practice and to make changes where possible. The purpose of this letter is two-fold. Firstly, we want to share the restrictions we are easing next and we also want to inform you of the permanent changes we will make to practice following your feedback.

The next steps in easing restrictions – effective from after half term – 7 June	
‘Bubbles’	Your child will predominately remain in their year group bubble however in order to further broaden our curriculum and return to some wider school community events, bubbles will be mixing on occasion.
‘Multiple bubble’ scenario/explanation	<p>Your child will be a part of multiple bubbles. This will allow for whole school events to take place. On a Wednesday afternoon we will be launching University of Broadstone to widen the opportunities we provide for the children. (more details to follow shortly). Children will be in groups of no more than 15 from across the school. This will be the same 15 children each week.</p> <p>Your child will be in at least two bubbles: Bubble One: Their year group Bubble Two: University of Broadstone group (up to 15 children)</p> <p>If you attend morning or after school club this will create a third and fourth bubble.</p>
Start and end of day	<p>Morning drop-off will return to 8.30am – 8.50am. This will continue to support the staggering of families coming onto site.</p> <p>At the end of the day the pickup time will be shortened. Parents can collect pupils between 3pm and 3.15pm. This will still continue to allow families to social distance and stagger coming onto the school site.</p> <p>Shortening these times will not only support the congestion around site and social distancing but also maximising the use of learning time- reclaiming back 1 hour and 20 minutes towards learning time over the week.</p> <p>Face masks are still to be worn when walking around the site and entering the school building.</p>
Drop off and collection arrangements	<p>The one-way system will continue.</p> <p>The start of the day Please do not arrive on site before 8.30am. The main gate and all classroom doors will open at 8.30am. Please follow the one-way system around the outside of the school building, dropping children at their classroom/year group door.</p> <p>At the end of the day Children will be dismissed from the same external door they were dropped off at. Parents may need to wait on the designated spots outside each classroom. An adult will wait on each external door to dismiss each child when their parent arrives. All children to stay in their classroom until their parent arrives.</p>

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Wrap around care	<p>Morning Club We will be providing morning club from 8am-8.30am. This will be held in the school hall which can be accessed via the school office.</p> <p>After School Club After school club will be available daily from 3.15pm- 4.15pm. Your child must be booked into the after-school provision. Please collect your child via the school office.</p> <p>In order to secure a place parents will need to book in advance. <u>All places for the Summer term have been booked and allocated.</u></p>
School clubs	<p>After school sports clubs will continue to run from 3.15pm- 4.15pm. In the event of adverse weather conditions, we will have to cancel clubs. We will always aim to give as much notice as possible so alternative arrangements can be made.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION – Wednesday YEAR 1 – Monday YEAR 2 - Friday YEAR 3 – Thursday YEAR 4 - Tuesday</p>
Shared space and movement around the site	<p>Library and ICT room The Library and ICT room will be open for year groups to use during class time as well as at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Only one-year group will access at any one time.</p> <p>Morning and afterschool club Morning club and afterschool club will run in the school hall. This will be a shared space by children in this bubble. Cleaners will be on site throughout the day and will clean between use.</p> <p>Outside play structures All outside play equipment will be open and year groups will have designated days they can access this during break and lunch time. We politely ask that families do not use these before and after school.</p>
Classroom set up	<p>Windows and doors will be open to allow ventilation throughout the classroom.</p> <p>Children will continue to have their own pencil cases and resources to avoid unnecessary sharing of items. Children in Year 3 and 4 will be charged for stationery and this will appear on the child's parent pay account. Any extraneous furniture has been removed to reduce surface space.</p>
Breaks & lunches	<p>Break times will continue to be staggered. Each year group will have a designated area for break and lunch time play. There will be no mixing with other bubbles.</p>
Music lessons	<p>There will be no peri lessons this term. Sadly, due to the number of those interested we were not able to logistically offer this safely. Year 4 children will continue to access tuition for the Ukulele via a Soundstorm music specialist.</p>
Curriculum	<p>We have resumed our full curriculum, with pupils focusing on learning the key knowledge in the National Curriculum subjects they should currently be studying for their year group.</p>
Home Learning	<p>When a pupil is required to isolate, they will access remote learning through Google Classrooms. The initial two days of learning will be accessible immediately and will focus on key skills across the subjects. From day three, home learning will mirror learning in school and will be scheduled daily on Google Classrooms.</p>
School uniform	<p>School uniform to be worn. This does not need to be cleaned more than usual. Pupils will be able to come into school in their PE kit on days when PE lessons are scheduled as they will not be able to change on site. Pupils will be able to wear trainers until July 2021 and then black plain trainers from September 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION – Tuesday and Wednesday YEAR 1 – Monday and Tuesday YEAR 2 – Thursday and Friday YEAR 3 – Wednesday and Thursday YEAR 4 – Monday and Tuesday</p>

Equipment	<p>Lunchboxes Children will be able to bring lunch boxes into school. We ask where possible these are plastic rather than fabric in order to support with ease of wiping down each day. Should you wish to continue with paper bags, then please do. Your child will be able to either throw or bring home their bag each day.</p> <p>Water bottles Water bottles will now come home daily with your child to be washed at home.</p> <p>Book Bags Currently please continue to use the plastic folders for your child's reading books. These allows ease of quarantining and storage in school. We will look at returning to book bags in September.</p>
Visitors	We will be beginning to invite a small number of parent volunteers into school from Monday 7 June. Each parent will be assigned to a year group and will support hearing children read. All visitors will be asked to wear a mask and adhere to social distancing, keeping a 2m distance from the children.

COVID Keepers - September 2021	
Following your feedback, we have decided to continue with the below for the next academic year.	
The one-way system	This allows a smoother calmer start and end to the day. We are more than happy for Year 4 learners to walk this on their own in the mornings. With members of staff positioned at either end, this allows our Year 4 learners a new level of independence, preparing them for their transition to middle school.
Trainers	As part of our new uniform consultation trainers were discussed. We felt the advantages of wearing trainers are hugely beneficial for the children and their development at this age. Therefore, a decision was made to include a trainer option within our new uniform. We do ask that these are a plain, black trainer with no white soles, logo or stripes. As of September 2021, children can choose whether to wear school shoes or a plain black trainer.
PE Kits	Children will come into school in their PE Kits on PE days, this will be twice a week.

We thank you for your continued support. Should you have any further questions please do get in contact.

Best wishes



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