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Dear Parents and Children,

I would once again like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Nanpean School, and I hope that you and your children have seven enjoyable and prosperous years with us before they move to secondary school.

Following the Government announcement at the beginning of July stating that all children will be returning to school in September, as schools will then be open to all children from all classes again, and my letter as a result of this, I now write to you as promised to give further details about school opening and to communicate our plans for this in more detail.

Please ensure that you carefully read this letter which is pertinent to the new children beginning our school in Reception Class (Eden Class), and I have also attached a letter that you can briefly read which has gone to parents with children in other classes.

All of these plans have been carefully considered alongside the guidance given to schools and put in place to ensure the health and safety of children, staff, parents and the wider community.

There is also clearly a need to minimise contact with individuals who are unwell, so any children who display symptoms of coronavirus themselves, or have someone in their household that displays symptoms, are not allowed to attend school. Please also refer to the separate document that gives a detailed step by step guide of actions (in the form of a flow chart) that will need to be taken by families if we believe children are in school and possibly displaying any symptoms.

Transition Week (week beginning Monday 7th September, 2020)

Mrs Hayes has planned some transition days with children in smaller groups so she can get to know the children and ensure support is available for fewer children in the first week to help them settle into school life. Mrs Hayes has let parents know if your child is in Group 1 or Group 2. Each day, Group 1 will attend in the morning (8.50 – 9am arrival and 11am collection), while Group 2 will attend in the afternoon (12.45 – 12.55pm arrival and 2.55pm collection). Arrival and collection will be from the entrance via the green side gate near the community hall and staff will be on hand to direct you to this.

Due to the timings of these groups, no lunch will be provided or required on any day this week. Children in Group 1 for the Transition week can have their lunch when they get home following collection at 11am. Children in Group 2 are expected to have some lunch at home prior to arriving at school at 12.45pm.

Following the transition week, as detailed above, children will start full time from Monday 14th September, 2020. Please carefully read the details below in relation to this.



Attendance

Usual school attendance is compulsory from September. It is the parents' duty to ensure children attend school, and it is the school's responsibility to ensure attendance of pupils is high, to record attendance and follow up on any absence. We will continue to do so, alongside the Student Welfare Officer, and are extremely proud of our attendance rates over the last few years, as this has been slightly above the National Expectation of 96%. If we have concerns about your child's attendance, or it falls below 96%, we will contact you. The Government have now confirmed that they will recommence the issuing of sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, to parents where the attendance of their children is a concern.

Groups

In order to comply with guidelines for the safe reopening of schools, we have split the classes into two groups (A and B). Reception Class (Eden) are in group A, as are Year 2 (Prosper), Year 3 (Karslake) and Year 6 (Rosemellyn). Group B consists of children in the other classes.

Arrival (beginning of the school day), Collection (end of the school day), Entrances and Exits

Arrival for Reception Class (Eden) will be at 8.50 – 9am, via the green side gate near the community hall, walking along the path to the outside area of Eden classroom. Staff will be on hand to direct you to this. Collection will also be from here at 2.55pm.

The plan being put in place as a result of Covid-19 means that it is imperative that parents are very strict with timekeeping at the beginning and end of the school day for arrival and collection. When attending the school site, please adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times, please do not loiter on the school site, and please ensure that only one parent is present at this time: this is being asked to ensure the safety of yourselves and others.

As the car park will see more footfall than usual, for safety reasons this will be closed to all cars of parents / children, except those with blue badges. However, we only have one disabled space, and if this is taken there will be no other alternatives on the school site.

Breakfast

Previously, we have served Bagels to children on arrival at school to ensure they have had a nutritious start to the day, which research shows increases concentration. When following current health and safety guidelines, this doesn't seem sensible during the Autumn Term. However, I have been in contact with Magic Breakfast, who organise the National Schools Breakfast Provision (NSBP), and they have stated that they can provide 'home food packs' to school. These will be delivered every two weeks and children can then take these home for their breakfast.



Playtime and Lunchtime

Reception (Eden) class will be using the play areas outside of their classroom, and their playtime is from 10.30 – 10.45am. Other children in Group A will also have playtime at this time, but in different places so classes aren't mixing.

Reception (Eden) Class will have their lunchtime beginning at 11.45am.

We have a detailed lunchtime plan which allows the children a staggered time to eat in the hall (consideration has also been given to timings in relation to eating). Following eating, Reception (Eden) Class will then be allowed to play in the area designated to their group (outside of their classroom).

Hand Washing, Social Distancing and Hygiene

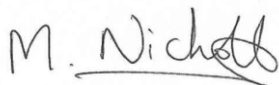
We will be continuing to ensure there is regular hand washing for the children, and we also have 'sanitiser stations' in each classroom. We will, of course, be encouraging children to socially distance as well, although the Government guidelines concede that this will be difficult to do with young children. We will also be promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and reminding children of the need for this when they cough or sneeze, and regular cleaning will continue to take place.

Equipment and Resources

Please do not send in any unnecessary equipment: the only items we would like the children to bring is their Reading book, PE Kit and packed lunch. Caterlink will be providing lunch provision from September. We will be minimising the use of resources to ensure the risk of spreading germs is low at this time.

Finally, I would like to send you, the children and your families my best wishes at this difficult time. I hope you are all well and staying safe, and I look forward to meeting you all in September. I now hope that you have a wonderful Summer and hopefully we have some further lovely weather to enjoy.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr M. Nicholls (Headteacher).

