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Dear Parents and Children,

Following the Government announcement at the beginning of July stating that all children will be returning to school in September, I now write to you as promised in a previous letter to give further details about our plans for school opening.

Please ensure that you carefully read this letter and consider how this will affect you and your family, while also ensuring you make time to discuss with your child their return to school in September and begin to prepare them in relation to this.

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.

Attendance

As mentioned on my previous letter, 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. 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).

Group A consists of the children in the following classes: Reception Class (Eden); Year 2 (Prosper), Year 3 (Karslake) and Year 6 (Rosemellyn).

Group B consists of the children in the following classes: Year 1 (Hendra), Year 4 (Melbur) and Year 5 (Drinnick).



Arrival (beginning of the school day) and Collection (end of the school day)

Arrival for children in Group A (see above) will be from 8.50am – 9am.

Arrival for children in Group B (see above) will be from 9.05 – 9.15am.

Collection for children in Group A (see above) will be at 2.55pm.

Collection for children in Group B (see above) will be at 3.10pm.

I am aware that this won't be easy for parents with children in different classes, but it is impossible to mitigate for all of these scenarios. If parents have children in Group A and Group B, they will need to drop children in Group A off via their entrance (see below) at 9am, then walk to the entrance (see below) for the child in Group B to be dropped off at 9.05am. Due to current guidelines, we can't allow extra people to be on site 'waiting', hence these timings will need to be adhered to.

This plan 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.

Entrances and Exits for Group A

Reception Class (Eden) will enter via the gate at the side of the school near the community hall and will then follow the path directly to the outdoor area of Reception (Eden) Class. Members of staff will direct parents and children to this area on their first days at school.

Year 2 (Prosper) will enter via the community hall.

Year 3 (Karslake) will enter via the library doors.

Year 6 (Rosemellyn) will enter via the main office.

Entrances and Exits for Group B

Year 1 (Hendra) will enter via the usual Key Stage 1 entrance (double doors at the top of the school).

Year 4 (Melbur) will enter via the community hall.

Year 5 (Drinnick) will enter via the main office.



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

Group A will have their playtime from 10.30 – 10.45am. Group B will have their playtime from 10.45 – 11am.

Reception (Eden) and Year 1 (Hendra) classes will be using the play areas outside of their classroom.

Year 2 (Prosper) and Year 4 (Melbur) will be using the play areas outside of their classroom.

Year 3 (Karslake) and 5 (Drinnick) will use the playground.

Year 6 (Rosemellyn) will use the area outside their classroom.

We have a timetable for playground and trim trail use so that all classes can access these areas at some point during the school week.

Group A will have their lunchtime from 12noon – 1pm. Group B will have their lunchtime from 12.15 – 1.15pm.

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). This also includes different entrances and exits (to the hall) so classes don't mix. Children will then be allowed to play in the area designated to their group, as detailed above. This will ensure that children are eating and playing at different times and in different places so there is no mixing between classes and groups.

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 extremely difficult to do with young children and with larger groups of 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. We are closely following Government guidance, which currently doesn't insist on the wearing of face masks in such places, so I can't enforce this on the school site. However, individuals do have the right to wear a face mask if they feel they would like to do so, and it is important that individual choices are respected.



Classrooms, Uniform and Equipment

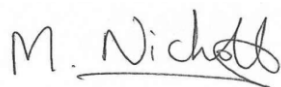
Classrooms will be organised slightly differently as guidance suggests rows of tables and children therefore seated behind these, facing the front, and side by side to their peers. We expect children to return to school in usual school uniform, and want to make it clear that no 'extras' will be tolerated: we expect sensible footwear (school shoes), sensible coloured socks of a suitable length (grey, white or black) and only small hairbands. Please do not send in any unnecessary equipment: the only items we would like them 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.

Extra-curricular activities and events

As stated on my previous letter, there will be no lunchtime or after-school clubs during the Autumn Term. We will also be unable to provide any community events, organised by our FANS (Friends Association of Nanpean School) group until guidelines allow for this. This will be reviewed, alongside updated guidance, for the Spring Term.

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 seeing 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).

