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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Preparing for school opening and pupils return in September 2020**

All children will be returning to school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.

As we start our new school year you will notice that there are many changes in how we are operating as a school. We will be following Government guidance issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> July which instructs schools on how to put in place numerous controls in order to minimise the risk of transmission of Covid-19. We have been working hard to ensure that school will be fully open and we envisage that the changes outlined in this letter will remain in place for at least the first half term but most likely until Christmas.

Whilst the government have indicated that the prevalence of coronavirus (COVID-19) has decreased and that the NHS Test and Trace system is up and running it is still vitally important that our whole school community works together to protect each other.

**Entry to school premises** will be via Snaefell Avenue, where you will then go to the left for Years 1 and 2 classrooms or to the right for Nursery and Reception classrooms.

**Exit** will then be following the path to exit at Green Lane **FOR ALL**. This enables us to maintain a one way system. We would ask Parents/Carers to please refrain from congregating in groups before or after school.

Two metre markings will be also be present around the school site to help to remind people about social distancing. We ask that only one Parent/Carer drops off and picks up their child/children.

**School Operations**

- We encourage all children to walk to school if possible in order to reduce traffic congestion. We will also be starting our 'Walk to School' project in the Autumn term and it is good for both children's health and well-being.
- Class allocations will be as follows:-  
Class 5 (Mrs Walsh) will move to Class 3 with Miss Alexander/Mrs Thistleton (currently on Maternity Leave)  
Class 6 (Mrs Getty) will move to Class 4 with Mrs Hunter  
Class 4 (Mrs Hunter) will move to Class 2 with Mrs Tysoe  
Class 3 (Mrs Thistleton) will move to Class 1 Miss Grant
- Start and finish times will be as follows :-  
Year 2 8:45-2:45  
Year 1 9:00-3:00  
Rec 9:15-3:15  
Nursery 9:00-12:00 (starting week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020)

If you have children in more than one year group you will be able to drop all the children at the same time at their respective classroom doors with the teacher.

- From September, Parents/Carers will return to being legally responsible for making sure that their children receive a full time education. Regular attendance and punctuality is expected, however if you have multiple drop offs for siblings this will be taken into account Parents/Carers **must** notify school if their child is unable to attend and to provide the reason for the absence.
- Our school kitchen will be up and running and we will be providing a free school meal to all school aged children. Lunchtime will be staggered and social distancing will be adhered to as much as possible. Tables etc will be cleaned between each sitting. Break times will also be staggered.
- The School Office will be open however we will be implementing a strict External Visitors Policy meaning only essential visits/pre-arranged appointments will be allowed. We ask that you use email and phone to communicate with us. Our website is your first port of call for important information.
- Enhanced hygiene and cleaning practices will continue and an enhanced system will be in place for children's hygiene. We will continue to clean throughout the day.
- It is anticipated that Breakfast and After School provision will operate with some amendments. It is likely that children will be allocated to small groups or bubbles.

### **Teaching and Learning**

- Children will operate in class or year group bubbles to avoid contact as much as possible.
- Staff will be able to work across bubbles with enhanced diligence.
- All children will be expected to wear school uniform. Details of this are on our website.
- School will provide all stationery needs. Please do not bring own pencil cases, toy figures etc.
- Children should only bring their book bag to school.

### **Health and Safety**

We have a full risk assessment in place which will be regularly reviewed. It is important that outside of school we follow Government guidelines around Covid 19, particularly the Stay at Home guidance

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-homeguidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-homeguidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the NHS on 111 or at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-corona-virus-symptoms>

If your child presents with Covid-19 symptoms in school, we will take them to a safe area in school and contact you immediately to pick them up.

**Please make sure your emergency contact forms are returned to school as soon as possible.**

**It is vitally important that anyone who presents with Covid-19 symptoms gets tested as soon as possible.**

If someone from within school is confirmed with Covid-19 we will contact the Parents/Carers of any children who have been in contact with this person. This is likely to be from their class or "bubble." These children will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. Other members of the household **do not** need to self-isolate, unless your child also develops symptoms. Full details and instructions will be provided at the time. We will also send information to our wider school community as a reminder to our families of what actions you can take to reduce the spread of the virus.

### What you can do to support your child returning to school

- Continue to read with your child
- Use the school website to support learning
- Re-establish school routines ahead of September.
- In the last week of the holiday:-
  - Get children to bed at a reasonable time
  - Get them up at progressively earlier in the mornings
  - Reduce screen time
- Be positive and enthusiastic about the return to school. If children see your anxiety they will be anxious too.
- Ensure your child has a water bottle with their name on.

We understand the past few months have been very difficult and we hope we can establish our school routines quickly and smoothly. We are very grateful for the support you have given us during our school closure. We ask that you continue to support us over the coming months as guidance inevitably changes. It is likely that you find out about changes at the same time we do, so please be patient if things change with short notice.

I would like to wish you all a restful summer break and hope the sun shines once more.

Yours sincerely,

*E. van de Waal*

Mrs. E. van de Waal,  
Head Teacher.