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Dear Parents,

Please see below some answers to questions regarding reopening next week:

1. What is the procedure if my child shows symptoms of COVID-19?

If your child shows symptoms of covid-19 whilst they are in school we will isolate them from the rest of the class and ring you immediately to come and collect them. We would require for you to book them for a test as soon as possible. If the result comes back positive everyone in that bubble would be expected to self-isolate for 14 days including members of your own household. If the test is negative the child can return to school once they are feeling better.

2. I am worried about my child's mental health after such a long break from school. How will this be accommodated for?

The absolute priority for all of us in school is to ensure that your child is well looked after and nurtured once they return to school. Teachers will be doing lots of activities on well being and we will also ensure that fun is resumed in the classroom in order for the children to feel relaxed.

3. How will break and lunchtimes work?

The children will stay in their classroom bubbles at all times and playtimes have been scheduled at staggered times so they are not mixing with other bubbles in the school. Children will eat their lunch in the classroom and then go outside to play. Hand hygiene will be constantly reinforced from day one and the staggered playtimes allow us to regularly clean the toilets between bubbles. Unfortunately, in the case of wet weather the children will stay in their classrooms and take part in indoor activities.

4. Will children still have PE Lessons?

Yes. Children will still have regular indoor and outdoor PE Sessions and any equipment used will be deep cleaned before and after the activities. When you know the days children have PE they will be able to come to school in their PE kit and stay in it all day in order to reduce transmission from changing and clothes coming into contact. Your child's teacher will let you know what days PE will be.

5. Are parents allowed into the school building?

Currently no parents are allowed into the school building. If you have an issue or concern you can contact the school by phone or email and we will get back to you. The office will be manned daily and if you desperately need to speak to someone you can ring the main office door bell and someone will come to you.

6. Does my child need to wear a mask in school?

Children of primary age are not required to wear masks in school. The guidance has recently changed but this is for secondary age children only. If this guidance is changed again we will let you know.

I hope that these questions allow you to feel reassured that we have done everything we can to welcome the children back next week in a safe and covid secure environment. We will be constantly reviewing procedures and if anything needs to be changed I will let you know ASAP.

Many thanks

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