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September: What to expect

Dear Parents & Carers

We are really looking forward to welcoming everybody back in the autumn. This first day of term is Monday 7th September.

From September, school attendance will be compulsory.

The Government has published guidance to help schools plan for re-opening. In line with this guidance, when your child returns to school in September, you can expect the following procedures and safety measures to be in place:

- The children will be taught in their year group classes.
- Mixing between classes will be kept to an absolute minimum. Early years children (Nursery and Reception) will sometimes mix during class activities so that we can effectively deliver the full early years curriculum. Each class will share the dinner hall and playground with one other class/year group.
- Primary aged children are not expected to socially distance. However, we will continue to encourage social distancing as much as possible in all year groups.
- Children and staff are not expected to wear face-masks/coverings in school. Face-masks/coverings that are worn to school must be removed on entry to the building and either disposed of, or stored in a plastic bag (preferably sealable) throughout the day.
- Staff will stay with their own class wherever possible. Some staff will be required to work with more than one group.
- There will be strict protective measures around washing hands more often (on arrival, beginning of lessons, after breaks, before and after lunch, and every 20-30 minutes throughout the day).
- Touched surfaces will be frequently cleaned during the day.



- Breaks will be staggered, as will the start and end of the day.
- Key resources will be cleaned after use. Some resources will be shared, but wherever possible, children will be provided with their own equipment (pens, pencils, rulers etc.).
- All areas of the school will be deep cleaned at the end of each day. Frequently used areas, such as toilets, will receive an additional deep clean during the day.
- Should you or your child develop symptoms of coronavirus, you must get tested as soon as possible.
- If a child or staff member tests positive, the school will contact Public Health England immediately. The rest of the class may be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

All these procedures will be reviewed on a regular basis.

There will be a focus in the first few days back on addressing emotional well-being, as well as rules and routines. We will cover the topic 'Marvellous Magical Me' over the first two weeks of term, which will focus on relationships and health. There will also be a strong focus on key skills in reading, writing and maths.

I will be sending out a further letter on Monday with details about drop-off and pick-up times.

Please contact me via the school office if you have further questions.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Guy Walsh
Headteacher

