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Dear Parents,

Today marks the final day of the summer term, and what a summer term it has been! Before I begin with all the practical information for September, I would like to thank you, your children and my staff for the support, patience and understanding you have all shown during the last few months. I am hopeful that in September, whilst there will be some differences for us all, it will at least feel more normal than we have felt since the end of March.

As you now know, when children return in September, we will have a two week 'mini term', to allow them to settle back in with their current teacher, in their current class. For those two weeks, they will continue to be known as the class they are now – so Mrs O'Grady's class (RO) will come back as RO, and Miss Buckley-Hall's class (5B) will come back as 5B, for example.

The shape of the school day for each year group is:

	N	RC	RO	1B	1Y	2JW	2L	3H	3W	4L	4B	5FK	5B
Start/Finish	8.40 – 11.40 12.20 – 3.20	8.45 – 3.05		8.55 – 3.15		9.05 – 3.25		8.50 – 3.20		9.00 – 3.30		8.50 – 3.20	
Entrances	Nursery	Front middle doors (younger)	Back class doors	Back class doors	Front middle doors (older)	Back class doors	Front middle doors (older)	Lower end cloakroom door (through the staff car park via Delamere Road)		Lower end cloakroom door (through the staff car park via Delamere Road)		Upper end cloakroom door (via the ginnel)	
Break time	EYFS Outdoor Area			10.35 – 11.00 2.10 – 2.30 Lower playground	10.35 – 11.00 2.10 – 2.30 Upper playground	10.00 – 10.25 2.00 – 2.20 Current Y3/4 playground		10.35 – 11.00 2.25 – 2.40 Car Park		10.00 – 10.25 2.00 – 2.20 Older end playground			
Lunchtime	11.40 – 12.20 (In the Nursery)	11.45 – 12.45 (1 st setting at 11.45)		12.15 – 1.15 (2 nd sitting at 12.15)		12.15 – 1.15 (3 rd sitting at 12.45)		11.45 – 12.45 1 st sitting at 11.45		12.15 – 1.15 3 rd sitting at 12.45		11.45 – 12.45 2 nd sitting at 12.15	

Year groups will use specific entrances into school, which will be signposted. Again, I cannot stress enough how important it is for your children to arrive on time, and leave promptly. If they are early, they will potentially mix with other children from other bubbles, and that would create a logistical nightmare in the event of a suspected case of Covid-19. Children need to arrive at the time their school starts, and go straight into the classroom.

If children demonstrate any symptoms – high temperature, a new, persistent cough and/or a sore throat – they must not come into school. You need to arrange a test for them (and probably all members of your household). In the event of a test being negative, children will be allowed back into school. If the test is positive, they will need to be isolated, and their whole bubble will be ‘shut down’ and tested. It has been reassuring to see the speed of the testing process significantly improved over the last few weeks, with most results back within 24 hours now, so hopefully, if there are any whole bubble shut downs, they will be quickly resolved.

On the first day back in September, children will need to wear school uniform. For children returning to Year 2, they can wear a white polo shirt as before if they like (or if the polo shirt still fits!), or a white school shirt. They do not need to wear a tie until they move to Year 3 on 16th September. Children must wear black school shoes, not trainers, boots or sandals. They will not need to bring PE kits until 16th September.

Children in the Junior Department will need to bring a pencil case into school, to stay in school. The basic stationery required will be a pencil, rubber, pencil sharpener, a small ruler and some colouring pencils. We will provide stationery if required, but children will be responsible for looking after their equipment (hence the pencil case!), as they will not be allowed to borrow or share it. We will provide fountain pens and ink for children in Year 4 and above.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children during the ‘mini term’ will continue to receive their school lunch free of charge as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme. Year 2 parents who have signed up for the Dolce system (School Grid) for their child should not use the system until ordering lunches from 16th September, when their child will officially start Year 3. If you order a lunch on School Grid, you will be charged for it. Current Year 3, 4 and 5 children who would like a school dinner should order through SchoolGrid as usual. We will be providing hot lunches, to be eaten in year group bubbles in the hall.

During the ‘mini term’, we will ensure there are opportunities for your child to meet their new teacher and visit their new classroom, which should help ease any anxieties around transition. Children in Nursery will, after the ‘mini term’, follow the Reception transition arrangements that have been shared already. I will be writing to you again during the ‘mini term’ to confirm arrangements for the ‘start’ of the school year on Wednesday 16th September. In the meantime, I hope you and your family have a restful and relaxing break. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

With best wishes,



Mr Redmond
Headteacher

