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Dear Parents,

With a week to go until school fully opens, for the first time since March, I felt it was a good time to remind you of the practical arrangements for next week, and beyond, so that you can be prepared, and help prepare your child, for the new year.

As you know, there will be a two week 'mini term', where children will return to their teacher and classroom from March. There are changes to start and finish times to allow us to safely move children into the buildings.

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| 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 sitting 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 | |

In the Infant Department, the back classroom doors will be accessed by going left through the front gate, walking passed the old front entrance and around the side of the building. There will be signs directing people. In the Junior Department, the Lower End cloakroom door will be accessed through the main gate, and through additional fencing on the staff carpark. Again, there will be signs pointing the way. Please can I remind you to be prompt? Arriving early will create issues around maintaining social distancing in the spaces we have available. I am aware that there are some families with children who will need to wait between drop off times – these families are welcome to wait in the appropriate playground space, but this will only work if other parents do not arrive early for their drop off times and create a busy playground. Please time your arrival carefully to ensure you can just drop off and go, without needing to wait around.

The school's risk assessment for full opening is on the school website – just click on the link on the home page to find it. The risk assessment details the procedures we have put in place to ensure a safe return to school for all of our children.

One of the key elements of the risk assessment is that if children demonstrate any symptoms – high temperature, a new, persistent cough and/or a sore throat – they must not come into school. You will 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 you will need to contact school so that we can inform Public Health and receive advice and guidance on our next steps. If your child becomes symptomatic whilst at school, we will contact you and you will need to arrange for your child to be picked up as soon as possible. Whilst waiting for you, your child will be isolated from the rest of the bubble in a safe space.

On the first day back in September, all children (except Nursery) 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, unless specifically told to by their class teacher.

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. We will provide all necessary stationery for children in the Infant Department – children in the Infant Department should not bring a pencil case.

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.

It is also worth reminding any family who has been abroad to a country where quarantine restrictions are in place on return to the UK that they will not be allowed to return to school until the full 14 day quarantine period has been completed.

I look forward to seeing you all soon as we welcome everyone back to FPS. It’s been a long time coming, but I hope you, and your child, are as excited as we are to bringing our children back into school.

With best wishes,



Mr Redmond
Headteacher

