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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to update you on our plans for re-opening in September.

The government has clearly stated its ambition for the full re-opening of schools from the start of the new school year in September. This is an ambition that we share and which we are determined to achieve in order to support our children's learning and welfare in the safest possible environment.

The purpose of this letter is to share with you our current planning so that you and your children will be aware of what to expect in September. I emphasise the term "current planning" as we may need to amend plans based on updates to DFE guidance or any changes to circumstances either at a school, local or national level.

When will the children return to school?

The children in years 1 – 6 will return to school on Tuesday 1st September. Reception children will start on Wednesday 2nd September with a slow staggered start which has been communicated to parents of Reception children. Nursery children will start on Thursday 3rd September, again this has been communicated.

What time will my child need to come to school?

To adhere to our risk assessment, we will be opening our classroom doors from 8.40am and closing them at 9.10am. We have decided to opt for this system to support working parents and parents with more than 1 child in school as it gives you the flexibility to drop your child off between these times. Please do not drop your child off before this time. We expect the children to come straight in, therefore eliminating children having to line up or queue.

There has also been a successful one-way system in place since lockdown began whereby all parents are expected to go through the KS2 entrance and make their way around the building in an anti-clockwise direction, exiting through the nursery gates. I very much need your help and co-operation now we are opening the school to over 500 children to play your part with this and follow the guidelines whilst walking around school.

What social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place in school?

Schools will not be able to maintain a specific distance between each child but instead to limit how much different groups of children mix together and therefore we are creating year group bubbles. Bubbles will not mix in school with separate breaks and lunchtimes. In addition, there are additional hand washing times at specific times of the day that the children will have to adhere to which have been evident since the start of lockdown.

What impact will procedures have on the curriculum and wider learning opportunities?

We intend to deliver the full curriculum to all children in line with DFE expectations and I am proud of the curriculum we deliver at Rise Park for our children. However, some aspects of PE, contact sports will not be taught. For a number of logistical reasons we will not be reorganising any trips and extra-curricular activities for the first part of the Autumn term. Your child's class teacher will inform you on which day your child has PE and for the first part of the Autumn term your child will be allowed to come to school in their PE kit on their specific PE day.

Will breakfast club still be running?

To ensure we support working parents breakfast club will go ahead. However, we will be operating a pre-booking system which means we know exactly how many children will be attending breakfast club on a daily basis which help with staffing. The children will sign in through the main entrance at 8.00am and go to their respective classes. Cereal and fruit will be on offer but there will be no toast option.

What will my child need to bring to school on the first day?

All children will need to bring their water bottle which must be labelled. We are also asking children from Year 1 to Year 6 to bring their own pencil crayons and felt tip pens as we are in the process of creating each child a class pack which will be theirs which reduces the risk of transmission. This will stay in school and avoids the need for pencil cases too!!

As previously mentioned the children will not need to bring their PE kit but please make sure this is available for the children as they will be doing PE in the first week back!!!

What about the children's behaviour, attendance and welfare?

The DFE has made clear the expectation that all children should return to school in September. Unless there are specific medical reasons to be absent all children will be back in school. We are aware that returning to full time education after such a long period of closure may present some slight anxieties for some of our children. However, we have been supporting children during lockdown and will continue to do so, if you feel your child may need some help and support please contact our nurture leads Mrs Lamb, Mrs Watts and Mrs Mee at school.

What happens if my child falls ill at school with Coronavirus symptoms?

Children will be isolated in a sick bay room and parents will be phoned immediately. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE.** You will then be asked to apply for a coronavirus test by visiting our COVID-19 page on the school website and

following the link for test and trace. We will then need to see evidence of the result of the test before you are allowed to send your child back into school.

We have all become accustomed to the phrase “new normal” and school will not feel like the old normal when we first return in September. However, the staff have been innovative in creating solutions to the many challenges posed by lockdown and you have been so supportive with your children I am confident we will find ways to make sure that we continue to provide excellent education and continue to look after the children’s welfare when we re-open school in September.

I cannot wait to see all my lovely Rise Parkers in September.

Have a safe Summer. If you have any queries or question regarding any of the above please feel free to call or e-mail school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MK', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Kelly
Headteacher