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31st August 2021 – September Starting Arrangements – Autumn Newsletter #1

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families have had a restful and safe summer so far. As we approach the start of the new academic year and a new adventure, I'm writing to confirm the practical arrangements and timings for the school day.

As mentioned back in July, I can now confirm that we will be returning to a non-staggered start and end to the school day. To summarise:

- There will be no one-way system. *However, please do consider others by keeping your distance from them around the school site where possible*
- Access to and from school can be via the front and back gates
- In the morning, gates open at 8.45am and lessons start promptly at 8.55am
- In the afternoon, gates open at 2.55pm and school finishes at 3.05pm
- Breakfast Club will be in the Woodland Studio from 8.00-8.45 and bookings open on Wednesday 1.9.21
- After School Club will be in the Woodland Studio until 5.15pm and bookings open on Wednesday 1.9.21

It looks like Covid will be with us for a while yet and we are needing to plan how to live and teach in our new world. The government's priority is for face to face education, without bubbles, for all children, including for those originally considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable. So, essentially we will be getting on with the business of education while taking sensible precautions where we can, such as:

- We will continue to practice good hand and respiratory hygiene with staff and your children
- We will continue with all our enhanced cleaning systems
- There will be maximum ventilation whenever possible
- We will be limiting the mixing of children indoors with other phases and year groups where possible (we won't be doing this outdoors)
- We are recommending that staff wearing masks in any busy enclosed spaces with different people inside school

If we have a positive Covid-19 case in school, children and double-dosed adults will not need to self-isolate if they have been in close contact. This also applies if you have someone in your house with Covid-19.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)

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