



3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that all of you are continuing to keep safe and healthy. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you our current plans for a return to school in September. You may be aware yesterday the government published the 'Guidance for the full opening of schools' in September.

We are planning that all children will be able to attend school in their classes of 30, and we want to reassure you that we will continue to put in place many of the protective measures that will be familiar from the current summer term:

1. Ensure that any children or adults who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
2. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual; we have increased washing facilities outdoors in our school playground.
3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach; we have increased tissues and lidded bins in all classrooms.
4. Enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often. All classrooms are well equipped with additional cleaning materials and the Premises team are ensuring that they are wiping down areas and cleaning toilets throughout the school day.
5. Active engagement with NHS Test and Trace.

We will aim to maintain consistent groups to reduce the risk of transmission by limiting the number of children and staff in contact with each other to only those within the group. Having groups of children that do not mix will make it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate, and keep that number as small as possible.

We will also continue to minimise contact between adults and maintain social distancing where possible. In addition, where necessary, we will wear appropriate PPE.

**We hope that our families will have confidence in all the measures that we have put in place to keep all children and adults safe and healthy, as attendance from September will be compulsory, unless there are good reasons for a child not attending.**

Below we have included some further information about our plans for the school day:

### **Arrival at school.**

We are planning to continue to stagger the morning drop off to school and afternoon collection. This will allow us to maintain social distancing where possible between adults.

In the morning we would ask that if you have **more than one child across the Stillness schools**, that you arrive at school between 8.35am and 8.45am, and use the car park gate. We ask that you leave your



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children at the gate, where a member of staff will be available to see the children safely to their classrooms.

If you have **one child in nursery, reception or Y1**, please arrive at school between 8.45am and 8.55am at the **car park gate**. Please leave your child with to a member of staff at the gate.

If you have a **child in Y2**, arrive at the **new middle gate** between 8.45am and 8.55am, where you will be met by a member of staff.

**As always, our main priority is to work with all our families to ensure that children come into school happy and ready to learn. If you experience difficulty with your child separating from you, then please bring them into the playground / reception area where a member of staff can support you. This will be especially important during the early days in September.**

## **Collection at the end of the day**

We will continue to stagger our collection times to ease congestion at the gates.

If you have children in both the infants and the juniors, please collect at 3.00pm. Enter through the car park gate, collect your infant child/ren from the infant playground, and go through to the junior playground to collect your junior child/ren. Then leave via the gate at the far end of the junior playground.

If you have infant children only, please collect at 3.10pm from the infant playground, entering via the new middle gate, and exiting via the car park gates.

Don't worry if you can't remember any of the above - we will all be on hand in September to help and remind you!

## **Breakfast club**

We are aiming to run an Infant breakfast club, ensuring that children remain with others within their class / year group, as per government guidance. Angelica will email out a form soon.

## **After school clubs and Extended provision.**

Following the current government guidance on maintaining the grouping of children, we will not be able to offer a full joint extended provision from September. We will, however, keep this under review as the government guidance changes through the Autumn term.

## **Lunchtimes**

Lunches will be a normal service in the junior hall. At lunch time the children will remain playing in their groups in a dedicated zone in the playground. There are a good range of resources to play with, and all resources are thoroughly cleaned daily.

## **Water**

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle, as our water fountains have been taken out of action.



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## **Bikes and Scooters**

To avoid congestion, we would ask that you continue to take scooters or bikes home until further notice. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## **Summer Learning**

We hope that you will enjoy completing the scrapbook that we have sent home for the summer break. Please bring it back in September, as there will be an opportunity to celebrate the children's holiday experiences with the new class teacher and the class.

We are very excited to welcome all our wonderful families back to school, and would like to extend a special welcome to our new children starting in nursery and reception. We hope that you are enjoying the videos and information that we have put on the website for you.

We will continue to give you further guidance as it arises, but please be assured that we will continue with our plans, and update our risk assessments, over the summer break ready for a September start. We are so proud of all our families and the support that we have received from you all during this challenging time.

As always, if you have any further concerns or questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact us. Sian or I will also be available at the school gates, either before or after school if you want to catch us then.

Wishing you all a happy weekend,  
Best wishes,  
Senior Leadership Team.