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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and had a restful summer holiday. On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to welcome you to the new academic year. We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school next week.

Back to school

Monday 7th September- Start of school for pupils in Years 1-6.

Monday 14th September- Start of school for Reception pupils.

Monday 21st September- Start of school for Nursery pupils.

Morning and after-school club will begin on Monday 7th September.

Entrances

We will continue with the soft start where gates and doors will open at 8.45am. We request parents to leave children at their gates. Staff inside the school will help children to their new classrooms. We are confident that after a few days, children will be able to find their own way.

Nursery and Reception to use the **Nursery gate on Roundaway Road.**

Years 1 and 4 to use the **back car park entrance on Harewood Drive**

Years 2 and 3 to use the **main gate on Atherton Road**

Year 5 to use the **after school club entrance on Harewood Drive**

Year 6 to use the gates on the **field on Atherton Road.**

There are hand sanitiser stations at each entrance to the school. Please ensure that your child knows how to clean their hands thoroughly.

Masks

Current Government guidance states that children in primary schools are not advised to wear face masks, however, we will allow parents to make that decision. If you would like your child to wear a face mask to school, then please provide them with a fresh mask daily. Your child will be responsible for wearing their mask in communal areas and then storing it in their bags so that it can be disposed of at home/ or wash if reusable, at the end of the day.

Break times and lunchtimes.

As per government guidance, we will have staggered break and lunchtimes to ensure that bubbles of children are not mixing.

End of the school day

To avoid a large congregation of crowds at the end of the day, children will use **the same gates they used in the morning.** However, we will stagger the home times:

Reception finish at 3pm
Years 3- 6 finish at 3.15pm
Nursery and Years 1-2 finish at 3.30pm

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

In preparation to opening the school to all pupils and staff, we carried out a risk assessment. This has been approved by our board of Governors and the Local Authority. In the feedback, the comment we received was ***“your risk assessment is very detailed and covers almost everything so it was difficult to find any areas that could be improved!”***

The risk assessment will be available to read on the school website by the end of the week.

As an additional measure, children must come to school in their PE kits on PE days. This will reduce the risks as they will not be getting changed in school. Please ensure your child wears weather appropriate PE kits on their PE days e.g. tracksuit:

| Year group | PE days |
|------------|-------------------------|
| Year 1 | Tuesdays and Wednesdays |
| Year 2 | Thursdays and Fridays |
| Year 3 | Tuesday and Fridays |
| Year 4 | Mondays and Thursdays |
| Year 5 | Mondays and Wednesdays |
| Year 6 | Tuesdays and Wednesdays |

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Please find information attached to this newsletter which signposts you to a range of resources that you may like to use to prepare your children for their return. It is not essential that you use them but they may help to reassure you and your children. Hope that you find them useful.

Communication with class teachers

School will be very different to how it was prior to the pandemic. Daily contact with class teachers will not be possible. However, if you wish to speak to the teacher, phone the school office and request a telephone consultation and your child’s teacher or phase leader will return your call.

Please address all office queries by calling 0208 708 0200.

We plan to continue with class talks over Zoom- details will be shared closer to the time.

I look forward to seeing all of our children back in school next week- it’s been a long time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F Hussain
Headteacher

