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No Limits on Learning. 'With God All Things Are Possible.' Matthew 19:26

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer. All the staff are looking forward to welcoming you back on 3rd September 2020.

Return to school

- All children are expected to return to school in September, as required by law
- Classes will return back to 24 children
- Children will be able to share a desk
- KS2 children may bring their own pencil case to school and use their own equipment, pencil, rubber, sharpener etc
- Children will be assigned a locker that they can use
- Your child must not come to school if they present any symptoms of Covid-19
- All children in Y5/6 will take part in an **emotional wellbeing programme**

Uniform

- Your child is expected to wear a clean uniform every day. (See uniform information given out in all the reports and to all new EYFS children)
- Please note that ties will need to be worn from September
- ALL uniform must be clearly labelled as if it is left behind with no name, it will need to be disposed of that evening
- We will wear PE kit on a Friday, this must also be labelled
- Please wear warm coats as children will be playing outside and on the field

Parents/visitors

- Parents must make an appointment to see any member of staff and only then can they enter the school building

Bubbles/Groups



Your child will be in a **bubble** (group of children) and will be able to play and work within this bubble all day

- Bubble 1 is EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2
- Bubble 2 is Year 3 and Year 4
- Bubble 3 is Year 5 and Year 6
- If one person gets ill in that bubble, the bubble may need to go home (in the event of a positive test). We will be supported by LIFE and Essex County Council in making these decisions

Cleaning

- Children will be required to sanitise their hands frequently during the day with a sanitiser that is provided by the school. Their teachers will support the children with times and frequency of this cleaning. The school will be cleaned twice a day, following a special schedule. The door handles and hand rails will be cleaned every hour. Toilets will be cleaned twice a day. School equipment will be disinfected every day. All books will be in plastic covers for easy cleaning and disinfecting
- The school will be deep cleaned on a Friday. The large climbing frame cannot be used at present. Lego and other building equipment in the EYFS classroom will be disinfected every day

Airborne Transfer

- Windows will be opened twice every hour even in colder weather, so there is ample ventilation and to create an airflow

School Opening times

- Start time for Year 3/4/5 and 6 and siblings is 8.15-8:25am, please drop your child off between these times only
- Start time for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 is 8.25-8:35am, please drop your child off between these times only
- End of school day for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 is at 3:00pm
- End of school day for Year 3/4/5 and 6 is 3:15pm
- You may collect siblings at the same time, if necessary, or wait in the playground. Please social distance at 2m in the playground, at the end of the day, during collection time

Eating and drinking



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- Your child may eat a packed lunch or order a school dinner.
- Your child will need a water bottle in school every day.
- The children will eat and socialise in their bubbles.

Homework

- Your child may bring a school bag to school and will complete homework and reading/spellings/tables as normal
- Please provide your child with a notebook that they can complete their daily times tables and spellings in

Social distancing

- Because of social distancing, your child must administer their own first aid in school. However, if your child is extremely upset, a member of staff will wear PPE equipment and support your child
- A member of staff will wear PPE equipment, if a child displays symptoms of COVID-19 and that member of staff will sit with your child whilst we wait for you to collect your child. Your child will wait in a designated area away from all the other children, while waiting to be collected
- Any member of our school community may wear a mask at any time, if they wish to do so

Curriculum

- In September, we will continue to offer a broad and balanced curriculum that is committed to the arts
- Teachers may adapt the curriculum for their class, as necessary
- In Autumn 1, teachers will assess the children to see where they are and these assessments will be used to inform planning over the year
- Assessments could be in the form of discussions, activities, or more formalised assessments such as tests
- Children who require extra support will be given the interventions that they need in order to catch up and a **detailed intervention programme** will be put together

Collective Worship

- There will be no assemblies in Autumn 1, we await further guidance from the government about this. Collective worship will continue in class
- Awards will be given to children in their classes on a Friday (as normal). The rewards will then need to be returned on the following Monday, so they can be kept in quarantine and cleaned appropriately



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Clubs

- Clubs will take place with certain bubbles social distancing
- There will be a maximum of 15 children in each club and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis
- Please see the separate club letter in September and read it carefully for your child's options
- Music lessons will continue as normal. All staff have been given PPE shields to wear when teaching 1:1

Your child will, as always, be fully supported academically as well as socially and emotionally. There will be a special emotional wellbeing programme for the Year 5 and 6 children for 6 weeks and a counsellor will be available to the school if other children need support.

Staff are very excited to welcome your child back in September and begin our 2020-2021 journey.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns then please do contact the school on 01277 352114 on 2nd September. Most of the staff are on holiday now as they have prepared very hard for the return to school in September. Thank you to the governors and to LIFE for their constant support.

Kind regards,

Mrs M. O'Regan and Miss M. Bryan

