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Friday 4th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all the communications via dojo and our survey, which was sent out last week. We now have a set of COVID related questions, which we will answer within this letter.

This week some systems have been reviewed since our original reopening plan in July. This letter will be the last communication before your children return to school on Monday. **The purpose of this letter is to provide you with clarity and confidence to return on Monday.**

We will operate a one-way system for Key Stage 2 children (years 3,4,5,6). This will be in place for the **START** of the day. A video explaining this has been posted on Class Dojo. Miss Thomas and I will be on the gate on Monday to point you in the right direction. At the end of the day, your child will exit the building through the same door they enter in the morning. Please watch the videos if you are unsure of where this is. We understand lots of you have more than one child and therefore will be doing more than one drop off. Videos for Key Stage 1 and Early Years have also been posted on to the class dojo page to show you where to come on Monday morning. This will be the meeting point for drop off and pick up at the end of the day.

We feel confident that this system will reduce congestion and provide you with clear instructions and by Wednesday, it will just become part of our regular Raysfield routine.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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| <p>Q. If a child is self-isolating from one school does that mean the whole family has to self-isolate?
A. A child will be asked to self-isolate if they have a positive COVID test, therefore the household in which they live will need to self-isolate.</p> <p>Q. Is it okay for other people, with my permission, pick my children up from school?
A. Yes. Please inform the office (not class dojo) if other people will be collecting your child and the office will inform the teachers. This is the same as last year.</p> <p>Q. Will they be changing for PE as normal in their classes or will they need to come dressed in their PE kit for PE days?
A. Pupils will be allowed to wear their PE kits to school on the day they have sport. Teachers will let you know via Class Dojo the days this will be. Please note: PE will not begin until w/c 14th September.</p> <p>Q. How do we know what to bring for what is his first day at school?
A. Children DO NOT need to bring stationery. They will need their coat (weather permitting) and their packed lunch, including their own healthy snack if they would like one and a named water bottle. No extra bags or scooters/ bikes will be kept at school.</p> <p>Q. Can we send in hand gel?</p> |
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A. Yes.

Q. We do have concerns about a brand new teacher, getting to know all new parents in face masks from a safety point of view?

A. New teachers will make every effort to smile, wave and say hello to all their new parents. I am sure you will respond in the same way and with a regular routine, they will know you soon.

Q. If our child is unsettled on the first day/any day refusing to go in etc, how will this be handled?

A. Raysfield is a warm and nurturing primary school. Staff are trained to encourage, be positive and welcome all children back. Your child will be well cared for and comforted if they are feeling nervous. It is recognised that social distancing (whilst encouraged where possible) cannot be applied within the primary school setting and this is why we have bubbled the children and staff to enable effective track and trace, if necessary and all the other enhanced hygiene methods.

Q. Why would year group bubbles need to be mixed at lunchtimes if they all have separate play areas why is there a need for this?

A. There is not 7 play spaces within the Raysfield site. Children will need their full lunchtime. Year 3 and 4, and Year 5 and 6 pupils will share outdoor play spaces.

Q. What will children be told about expectations of behaviour in their bubble, will they be encouraged to socially distance from each other or from staff?

A. As you will have seen from the class dojo videos, separate resources, forward facing desks and enhanced hygiene are the measures we are taking. Pupils will be expected to adhere to the Behaviour Policy and we added an addendum to this in March as part of our risk assessment. These are available on the school's website. Where possible, children will be encouraged to social distance.

Q. What will be the gates opening and closing times?

A. These are unchanged. All gates will be open and closed at 9:00. Please be here on time.

Q. Will the top gate near to shops be open to use?

A. Yes.

Q. What is going to be the approach to lateness reporting etc will there be any flexibility on this?

A. The gates will be closed at 9:00. If you are late after this, please bring your child to the main office.

Q. Will packed lunches be kept in school bags on pegs rather than put on a lunch trolley so they are not put together for hygiene reasons?

A. Lunchbox bags will be together. Please do not bring additional bags to school.

Q. Will the children be supervised in handwashing and hygiene?

A. Younger children will be supervised and all children will be trained how to wash their hands thoroughly. Handwashing will happen at regular intervals throughout the day for all children.

Q. If a bubble is closed for the 14 days due to a child being positive how are the remainder of the bubble to be taught in those 14 days?

A. There will be a home learning offer if a bubble is closed. This will be a combination of tasks and online provision.

Q. How big are the Bubbles and does my child get say who they are in Bubble with (friends etc)?

A. Pupils will be bubbled in year groups. Children will be in their class groups.

Q. Will lunch tables be forward facing?

A. We are going to trial forward facing lunch tables next week.

Q. If there is a positive case in breakfast or after school club how does that affect children in class? Breakfast club will be bubbled into key stages. We will follow the 'contact of a contact' guidance referenced in reopening letter for any child testing positive for COVID who attends Breakfast Club.

Q. My son is due to start in reception, the first session is scheduled to be with parents allowed to stay, Will this still be allowed?

A. Yes. Your names will be logged for contact tracing purposes, but we are operating our induction as planned.

Q. Will Breakfast Club be open?

A. **Yes. Breakfast Club will be open from Monday 7th September.** Please book your places on Parent Pay. Mrs Kirby has been sent all your enquiries and she will be replying to these as soon as possible. Breakfast Club will Bubble the children in our KS2 hall – there will be an infant (KS1 and EY) and a junior (KS2) area.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday.