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Dear Parents and Carers

Return to School Plan –Year 5 children

We are really looking forward to welcoming Year 5 Ellingham children back to school next **Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd June, from 8.55am -2.55pm** on the first week to familiarise the children with the new structures and systems and allow us to make any adjustments as we progress. In the following week commencing **29th June**, the children will be invited in from **Monday to Thursday**.

School and classrooms will look very different for the children but we have worked hard to balance unfamiliar routines and settings with access to familiar staff and fun learning. There is more detailed information given in this letter of the various aspects of coming back to school and an overview as a quick checklist.

Explorers wrap-around care will only be available for key worker families in order to protect the grouping or 'bubbles'.

Return Overview

The planned return will work as follows:

- Each class will be split into Year 5 A, B or C bubble with a maximum of 15 children, led by Miss Broadley, Mr Clune and Mrs Bijelica/Mrs Richardson
- Enter at **Harrow Close** entrance. There is red tape on the rails along the path to mark two metres distance
- Please do not arrive before 8.45 as this is when Y1 get dropped and also please be on time to avoid clashing with the arrival of key worker children
- Social distancing should be encouraged on the way to school and only one parent should accompany their child
- Parents leave their children at the gates so that children come into school on their own
- Children will line up in groups outside of the building to enter via the stairs via the main doors
- The children will work upstairs in the Year 5 and 6 classrooms
- The curriculum will be taught over the four days with home learning provided on the Friday
- Separate work stations and individual stationery packs are provided
- Lunch will be in classes
- Break times in allocated area

- Regular handwashing in allocated areas
- Regular cleaning and wiping of surfaces
- Deep clean on Friday

Groupings: Classes will be divided into groups of 15. These groups or 'bubbles' will be self-contained as a way of minimising the risk of spreading the virus. Teachers will split the children into groups and your child will be with at least one of their friends (if that friend chooses to come in). There can be no changes to this group.

Classrooms: Tables and chairs in all classes have been set up as individual work stations, spaced 2m apart. A video of a classroom set up for returning Year 6 (which mirrors that for Year 5) can be viewed here https://youtu.be/Fif_y9k8i78. The children will have their own pack of stationery and books stored in a tray next to them. Movement around the school will be restricted to keep year groups in zoned areas and there will be allocated areas in the playground for each group to access at playtimes. Lunch will be in the classroom.

What to bring in: Children should wear their uniform to school. They will need to bring in their PE kit to leave in school. Please do not bring in school bags as storage is limited so the only daily items should be lunchboxes, including a snack, and a water bottle, which is essential as children will not be allowed to share the water fountain.

Social distancing: While we have endeavoured to establish social distancing, the reality of a school and the nature of children's interactions, particularly at break times, means that this will be challenging to enforce. It will also be difficult for a teacher to support a child stuck on learning without breaching the 2m distancing rule. However, we are confident that we have achieved a structure that limits the opportunities for breaching the distancing measures. The concept of a group of children being part of a 'bubble' means that we contain any suspected virus.

No visitors on site: To avoid the risk of spreading the virus we will not be allowing visitors onto the site, unless it is for essential maintenance or an emergency. Parents will need to drop and wait for their child to be brought to them at the Harrow Close gates. The Garrison Lane alleyway entrance will not be open.

We will be communicating with you further before opening. There is also an FAQ attached for any questions. We look forward to seeing your children if and when they return.

Best wishes to you all,



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