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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted with the news that school will re-open to all children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This letter will inform you about our return to school next week.

I would firstly like to reassure you that our priority over the next 3 weeks will be our children's mental health and wellbeing on returning to school. We will use these weeks to get back into school routines, build relationships and carry out informal assessments that will inform our planning of the curriculum for the summer term.

Attached is an updated risk assessment and like in the Autumn term, in the event of a local outbreak or positive cases within school, Public Health England or our local authority, may advise us to temporarily close classes or bubbles. In this event, the classes involved would return to remote learning.

As you may be aware, shielding adults have been asked to continue shielding until the 31<sup>st</sup> March. This has had an impact on staffing, therefore, from the 8<sup>th</sup> March we have changed our 2 bubbles within school.

Bubble 1 = Acorns and Seedlings

Bubble 2 = Saplings and Oaks

### **The beginning of the day**

Drop and Drive (please note this will be morning drop off only) – **8.50 – 9am** A member of staff will be on the drop and drive gate at 8.50.

Main gate – **8.50 – 9am** A member of staff will be on the gate at 8.50. Enter through the small gate and leave through the large gate. Please observe social distancing and do not arrive before 8.50 unless this has been arranged with a member of staff.

Children must come straight into school.

Acorns and Oaks – Main entrance

Seedlings – Classroom door

Saplings – New build Entrance

### **The end of the day**

To ease congestion, ensure children are safely collected and maintain social distancing, we will be operating a staggered collection system based on surnames. This will be reviewed at Easter.

Pre-school – 3.20pm

Surname initial A – I – 3.25pm

Surname initial J-Z – 3.40pm

As the weather continues to improve, please consider parking at Monkholme and walking across the field to school.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

We will be able to provide Breakfast Club and After School Club. Please ensure you book your child's place **in advance** (so that we can arrange staffing) and have a plan B for childcare in case we have to cancel a club.

#### **Breakfast Club**

**Mon – Fri** 8 – 9 (Breakfast included) £4

8.30 – 9 (No breakfast) £2

#### **After School Club**

**Tues – Fri** 3.30 – 4.30 £4 (drink and biscuit)

3.30 – 5.30 £6.50 (snack)

We are eager to start our extra-curricular clubs and we are hopeful that these will begin in the Summer term.

### **Lunch**

School meals will be available as usual. The cost is £2.75 per meal. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a 'Universal Infant Free School Meal.'

Healthy packed lunches can be brought into school in a separate box/bag. **Please remember we are a NUT/PEANUT FREE SCHOOL.**

### **Play time and Lunch time arrangements**

Bubbles will have an allocated play space until Easter when we will hopefully be able to relax these measures. Lunches will be staggered in the school hall.

Please talk to your child about personal space and hygiene.

### **School Uniform/ PE kit**

Children should wear their school uniforms but be dressed appropriately for the weather. To work within our risk assessment, classrooms will be ventilated with open windows. I appreciate how fast children's feet grow and you might be struggling for school shoes until shops re-open. Therefore, alternative footwear may be worn IF your child does not have school shoes that fit.

Children in KS1 and KS2 should wear **warm** PE kits on their PE days. PE WILL be outside. Children in EYFS should bring their PE kit in to be kept on their pegs.

PE w/c 8.03.2021 – Easter

Oaks – Mondays

Saplings – Wednesdays

Seedlings and Acorns – Thursdays

### **Book Bags and belongings**

Book bags/school bags can come into school. Please do not send children in with their own pencil cases or personal possessions (teddies, toys, etc.)

### **Hand washing**

Children will be asked to wash their hands regularly. We will model good handwashing at school but please go over this at home too, particularly the importance of rinsing and drying hands thoroughly. This will hopefully reduce dryness or skin irritation.

### **Symptoms of covid-19**

Please ensure your child is well before sending them to school. At Threshfield there are several members of staff and children who live with or care for clinically extremely vulnerable adults and children. Therefore, we ask that you continue to carefully follow government guidance, and be open and honest with school regarding illness, symptoms and close contacts.

If you have any further questions, please do message me via Class Dojo or telephone school.

Kind regards

Miss Alexander