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Return to school September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! School reopens to children on **Monday 6th September** and we are very much looking forward to seeing the children back in school.

The aim of this letter is to give you an update on our routines in school, following the latest guidance from the government, in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

We are pleased to say that many of the restrictions we have operated under for the past 18 months are no longer required. This means that the class 'bubble system' will no longer be necessary. However, the four control measures that we must continue to consider are:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated (avoiding overcrowding areas).
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The school is also required to plan contingencies in case of a future outbreak. With this in mind, school have put in place measures in the form of a Covid Outbreak Management Plan. This is outlined in a separate document and will be made available on our school website. You can also find out more information by reading the government document '*What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus outbreak*' by clicking the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Timings of the school day

- Our school doors open at: 8:45am for children to free flow in.
- Our official registration time is: 8.55am (Children arriving after 8.55am will be late for school and have to report to the school office. All children arriving late must be accompanied by an adult as a reason will need to be given and recorded for the late arrival.
- School registration will close at: 9.15am
- Lessons end at: 3:15pm

Please note:

- For the first week of school, children who are new to Reception should follow the timings which were sent out before the summer by Miss Gibbs.
- Children should not play with any equipment that is out on the playground, in the shutter areas or under the Owls class shelter before or after school.
- All pupils should continue to enter the school building without parents/carers as we will continue to limit visitors in school.
- Pupils should be dropped off and collected at their classroom entrances, where there will be a designated member of staff on the door.

- Older pupils can be left at the school gates, however, please be aware that the gates will not open until 8.40am and children will not be supervised before 8.45am.

Entering and exiting school

- Visitors to site are no longer required to follow a one-way system around our school site.
- Pupils should continue to enter and exit school through the following doors:
Hedgehogs – Classroom shutter area
Owls – Classroom door
Foxes – Hall shutter area
Squirrels – Key Stage 2 playground door
- We politely request that parents/carers continue to keep back from the doorways and avoid gathering on pathways as this allows everyone to have space.

School communication

As parents should not enter school, you will be able to speak to staff briefly on the doors but for longer conversations please contact the school office to make an appointment (contact details are listed in the letter heading). This is to avoid unnecessary crowds gathering at entrances during busy times.

Please can I also remind parents/carers not to message staff on class dojo as we do not always see it. Parents/carers should always contact school via the school office to ensure that messages are received.

Equipment:

There are no longer restrictions on sharing equipment and bringing items into school from home. Older children who are free readers may therefore bring in their own reading books to school, if they wish. We will continue to provide stationary for children to use in class and children do not require pencil cases. We ask that children do not bring sharpie markers, fidget toys, mobile phones, toys or trading cards into school as these can often cause arguments, get lost or get broken. There may be opportunities for children to 'show and tell' about items of interest to them – your child's class teacher will let you know via class dojo when this is the case.

PE:

We ask that you continue to send your child to school in their school uniform PE kit on their designated day:

Hedgehogs: Tuesday

Owls: Monday (not required on the first day back – please come in uniform)

Foxes: Thursday

Squirrels: Wednesday

General information:

We are looking forward to school becoming more 'normal' and holding larger gatherings such as assemblies again this year. Initially, we will be taking a cautious approach to ensure that the four control measures are being met, and we will constantly review our operations plan as the health and well-being of all in our school community is our priority. However, it is hoped that we will be able to invite parents in to school for our popular events such as Curdworth Champions achievement assembly in the near future. Over the next few weeks, please keep an eye on class dojo for further communications about what we are up to at Curdworth Primary School.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Lisa Dodd
Headteacher