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Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back.

I am very pleased to inform you that our Partial Re-Opening of the school has been very successful. Staff worked tirelessly before the half term break to ensure that the classes were ready to receive the returning Year 6 pupils and the increased number of Key Worker children.

For your information, children and their teacher in a class, will be referred to as a bubble during this period. Hand sanitizers are available throughout the school for children to use. To prepare for the return of the children, the extra tables and chairs were removed from the classrooms so that the children could keep their distance from each other and their class teacher. The field has been divided into sections so that each “bubble” has its own area on the field. The cloakrooms are used by a specific bubble, so that the risk of cross contamination is reduced. We adopted and implemented new routines such as, staggered times for the start and end of the school day and we have introduced additional break’s in the afternoons. Staff and children are learning to work with limited resources, again to reduce cross contamination. Except for Mrs Marshall who has her own pupils in her class, the rest of the children had to get to know and work with a teacher from another year group. This has proven to be very successful and children seem to be very happy with the new arrangements.

We have appointed a fulltime cleaning staff, to ensure that all the tables in the communal areas, tabletops and toilets are sanitized regularly, all the doors are propped open so that our children and the staff do not need to touch the doors.

Our Learning Mentors are in touch with the children in their care, and Google Classroom is being updated regularly.

Please check to see if your child has brought his/her PE bag home, if not, we have in excess of 30 PE bags in Years 3 & 4. Weather permitting, I would like to put all the PE bags on display, on a table near the entrance to the building, on Monday, I will put Year 3 bags out and on Tuesday, I will put Year 4 bags out on the table. Please claim your child’s bag. I ask you please to avoid the beginning and the end of the school day, for obvious reasons.

Keep safe.

Mrs Mathison



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