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THIS INFORMATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. PLEASE RING THE SCHOOL IF YOU NEED HELP WITH TRANSLATION.

Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of one of the most challenging and difficult school years that most of us have ever known. Thank you for your support, patience and co-operation during what has been a very demanding time both physically and emotionally for so many of us.

As you are aware, the government intends for all children to return to school in September. We are really looking forward to seeing all our pupils (and parents) again but, as you can imagine, there are lots of measures that have to be put in place in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please see the link below as this will give you the same information as we have received.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

We have given a lot of consideration to all the practical and logistical aspects of a full opening of school and we have attached some of the information that will affect you directly. Please take time to read this document as we want everyone to feel at ease when we return in September. We are aware that guidance may change over the summer or during the Autumn term so we will keep you informed. Please check your Weduc messages and the website for the latest updates.

As part of the preparations for a return in September, we have to undertake rigorous health and safety risk assessments that meet government, Local Authority and trades union guidelines. We want you to know that we will be following the guidelines at all times (except in emergency situations) and ask that you also adhere to the latest government guidance. **It is particularly important that you follow the quarantine rules.** Any member of staff, parent or child (bearing in mind the ability of the child to understand their actions) will not be allowed on the premises if they do not follow the guidance and may be asked not to return for a period of time depending on the risk assessment. Please understand that this is so that EVERYONE is as safe as possible. A copy of the risk assessment is on the school website.

We have attached the Home/School Agreement that we expect everyone to abide by. You do not have to sign this document but please take time to read it and discuss with your child. We also ask that you look at the

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Behaviour Policy Addendum as this relates specifically to what may happen if your child does not follow the rules.

We expect to welcome all children (except Year R) back to school on **Thursday, 3rd September**. Please check the attached documents for drop off and pick up arrangements and other information that you may require.

We realise that the children have probably grown over the last 6 months so we will be selling school uniform on Tuesday, 1st September and Wednesday, 2nd September 1pm – 2pm on the school field (entrance via Dunstable Road).

You will see from the guidance that parents will not be able to enter school premises except by appointment and only if strictly necessary. This is not how we like to operate but hope that you understand that we are not deliberately being difficult or unwelcoming! Please see the section of the attached document regarding accessing the reception office, home dinners, Friday afternoons and late arrivals. I know these arrangements will make life difficult for many of us but please be assured we just need everyone to keep safe and ask that you show patience and understanding towards all members of staff. Please also bear in mind that we may not be as readily available to speak to parents as we would normally like as our focus will be on the children and getting them settled in school.

We are asking that you talk through with your child/ren the arrangements we have put in place so that they know what to expect when they come in to school. We will be spending time explaining rules, routines and expectations once the children are in their classroom but we will do this in such a way that the children are not unduly worried or apprehensive. We know that many of you will be anxious but please try not to pass these concerns on to your children. Please see the school website for 'hello' videos made by your child's new teacher. We have, and will continue to have, the well-being of children, parents and staff at the heart of everything we do.

If you have any particular information that you need to share with us that you think will affect the needs of your child, please arrange a 'phone call with Mrs Modak (Family Worker) or Mrs Fordham (Safeguarding Officer).

We know that we can count on the support of our fantastic parents and community and cannot wait to have a school full of happy, energetic and eager to learn children!

We would like to wish you a happy, safe and relaxing summer so that we are all ready for the start of a new term.

Yours sincerely

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