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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and that you and your children are refreshed and ready for the year ahead. We're looking forward to welcoming our children back on **Thursday 3rd September**; we have been working hard to make the school a safe and enjoyable environment. For those that have children in EYFS, you will have had a separate letter about your start dates and times.

Firstly, I would like to start by recapping the information that I sent out in July.

Safety measures

When your children come into school, we'll have the following protective measures in place:

- The children will stay in year group bubbles
- There is a one way system in place for each year group bubble
- The children will enter and leave the school from different gates to avoid congestion
- There will be staggered starts and finishes to the school day. The gates will be clearly sign posted.

Year Group	Start	Finish	Entrance	Drop off/collection
Nursery	8.30	3.20	Reception and Nursery via the main gate	Nursery playground
Reception	8.45	3.00		Nursery Playground
Y1	8.30	3.10	Main gate	Middle Playground
Y2	8.45	3.25		
Y3	8.30	3.10	Top gate	Top Playground
Y4 * Y4K please the bottom gate	8.45	3.25		

Y5 * Y5C please the top gate	8.45	3.25	Bottom gate	Bottom playground
Y6	8.30	3.10		

* Y5 and Y6 please note these are slightly different times from what we sent out in July.

- It is essential that all children arrive and leave at their designated start or finish time.
- **On the first day a member of staff from the previous year group will greet them and take them to their new classroom.**
- Parents must not meet on or around the school site before or after school. All adults must always maintain social distancing to reduce the chance of transmitting the virus and because they are role models for the children about how to behave in public places. If you have children in different year groups with different start and finish times then we can allow all children in that family to drop off at the earliest start time and pick up at the latest finish time.
- The children will be washing hands throughout the school day.
- Children will be allowed to bring home a reading book but we are still minimising items brought from home and the number of bags brought to school. Packed lunches should be in bags that can be thrown away.
- The children will have their own set of stationery and equipment- please do not send anything from home as this will minimise the risk of contamination.
- All equipment will be wiped down at the end of each day.
- There will be enhanced cleaning systems in school throughout the day in all parts of the school
- School uniform should be worn by all children, with sensible footwear for days they have P.E as we are still unable to get changed for P.E.
- Playtimes will be staggered so that fewer children are outside the classrooms. Each year group will have their own play equipment in their zone and their supervising adult will initiate games with the children.
- We recognise that social distancing with the younger children is a challenge so we will remind them regularly about it, but we cannot guarantee that it can be maintained with the younger children. The government guidance states that schools do not need to insist on social distancing with the younger children. We want our children to learn through play and interaction with others.
- We will not allow visitors or parents into the school building to maintain good social distancing, however we are still available to talk to parents either over the phone, email or online meetings such as Teams or Zoom.

Infection

- No child or adult showing signs of infection are allowed on the premises.
- Staff and pupils are required to have immediate tests if they show symptoms. If a child is sent home with symptoms, we expect parents to arrange a test for the child. We will request evidence of a negative test result (i.e. the text message from the NHS) before the child is allowed back to school.
- Any child who displays any symptoms of Covid must be collected immediately and we expect parents and families to make provision if they are not based in the local area during the school day. When the child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to the First Aid room and they will wait there with an adult until they are collected.
- The adult supervising the child will wear full PPE clothing when dealing with a suspected case; this includes a face mask, apron and gloves.
- If any child in school tests positive for Covid, every child and member of staff that they been in contact with will have to self-isolate for 14 days.
- If a member of a child's household tests positive for Covid-19, the child and the household members must self-isolate for 14 days. The other children and staff in the child's group do not have to self-isolate.
- New guidance from the LA has advised that our staff wear face masks in corridors and communal areas – but not in the classrooms.
- Anyone visiting school will wear a face mask.

Curriculum

Although there'll need to be some changes to reflect the teaching time that was lost during the lockdown, we'll still be providing an ambitious, broad curriculum. When the children have settled in, their teachers will assess them all over the first few weeks and will plan support for anyone who needs additional help in Reading, Writing and Maths. All teachers and leaders have reviewed the curriculum and we have adjusted our plans so that it enables the children to repeat aspects they may need to, but also supports rapid progress.

Pastoral support

We're aware that the lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us, including our pupils and the summer holidays may have brought extra anxieties. **Attendance will be mandatory in September, as the government expects all pupils to attend school.** The usual rules will apply, meaning we'll be recording attendance and following up on any absences.

Please let us know if you think your children might need extra support when returning to school, such as if they feel anxious about coming back or they're experiencing bereavement. You can get in touch with Mrs Fulk or Mrs Johnson to do this.

If you have any questions or concerns about the points we've set out above, please get in touch with me on headofschool@carfield.sheffield.sch.uk

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday 3rd September.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ms Mohammed', enclosed in a thin yellow rectangular border.

Ms Mohammed