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Dear Parents,

School will open fully from the beginning of the Autumn term and the government has said attendance will now be compulsory. There has been guidance issued to schools as to how to manage this as safely as possible. Our risk assessment has informed our planning and we will be implementing the following measures for children from the 7th September.

I'm sorry but there is a lot of information to take in and the letter will be on the website so you can refer to it easily.

There will be two 'bubbles'. The Rabbit's bubble will be at the far end of class 1 and the Owls and Foxes bubble will be in class 2 with the year 1 area of class 1 available for small group work.

We are very tight for space, and so there will be a bank of furniture across the width of classroom 1 to ensure the bubbles are kept separate. The playground will be coned off to give two separate areas for the 2 bubbles. We will post some photos over the summer so you can prepare the children for what school will look like in September.

Lockdown is being eased and from September the plan is:

- School will open Monday to Friday **with** breakfast club but **no** after school provision (**wolery**). Breakfast will be simply cereal and a drink. The viability of both of these will be reviewed at half term. Children should come into breakfast club through the main front door.
- Children should wear school uniform and wear shoes that they can manage themselves ie no laces please. Long hair must be tied back and normal patterns for changing clothes is now OK.
- If it is sunny children should come to school already wearing high factor suntan lotion as staff will not be able to help with applying this. They must also have their own sunhat.
- A packed lunch is available to order from our caterers or you may send in a healthy packed lunch (a sandwich, fruit or salad and a biscuit OR a small packet of crisps. Please choose one option or the other a week at a time. Sandwich choices will be ordered each Friday for the following week.
- **All children** need to bring a piece of fruit for morning snack in their book bag and their own named water bottle. Rabbits will also have the usual school milk.
- Book bags need to be brought in every day with reading books in but no toys and there will be no space for scooters from September.
- Rabbits need to bring a PE kit to be left in school but **Owls and Foxes are to come to school wearing their PE kit every Monday and Friday** so we eliminate the need to change clothes in our smallest classroom. PE will be outside until



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after half term so jogging bottoms might be sensible as the weather becomes cooler and a coat for playtimes.

- Children will remain with the children in their 'bubble' throughout the day including lunch times and play times.
- All children still need to be brought to school by **1 adult only**. Rabbits will come into school through the Rabbits cloakroom door and Owls and Foxes will continue to come in through the side gate in School Lane.
- A child may now come to school or be picked up from school by another family/grandparent but please make sure the schools know this in advance.
- There will be markers on the playground for you to stand by with your child (socially distanced) until the teachers tell your child what they are to do next.
- **Owls and Foxes** should arrive between **8.45 and 9am** if they are not in breakfast club. **Rabbits** will have **staggered starts between 8.50 and 9am**
- Going home times will be staggered too: **3.05 for Rabbits** and **3.10pm for Owls and Foxes**. Children are to be collected from the playground/ rabbits front door.
- Before the school gate is opened, parents need to continue observing the 2m social distancing guidance.
- Parents are not to come into school at the moment unless absolutely necessary.
- Any communication with school should continue to be by email or phone please.
- Different adults will be working with each group at different times in the week. The guidance is that adults may cross bubbles but should try to limit this and socially distance whenever possible from each other and the children.

Foundation in class 1	Mrs Pearson, Mrs Crompton, Mrs Almeda, Mrs Baldwin
KS1 in class 2	Mrs Miles, Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Bird, Mrs Almeda

- We are planning to deliver a full curriculum and for Owls and Foxes Mrs Ollier and Miss Jones will be returning on Monday and Friday afternoons to teach PE.
- Once we are all back and settled teachers will organise small group 'catchup' times for children that may need extra support.
- If your child is unwell please don't send them to school and ring school as usual. **If you or your child shows Covid symptoms your family will need to be tested and inform the school of the result (positive or negative)**
- If a member of staff or a child tests positive I will need to contact Health England and MKC who will advise on the procedure we have to take.

Like every other head teacher, I am very sad that we have to continue with these stringent measures for our very young children but I hope you understand that I am following Government guidance, echoed by our LA.

Thank you again for all your support.

Julie and all the team at Castlethorpe.



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