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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the beginning of school, I wanted to touch base to bring everybody up to speed with our level of preparation for the new academic year and the learning environment your child(ren) will find upon their return to school.

At this moment in time the school's position is the following:

- Froebel will open on Wednesday 9th September as planned and following government guidelines will return to full days.
- Please can children come to school in their summer uniforms for the start of the Autumn Term (with the exception of the Reception children). I will advise parents/guardians as to when the children should wear their winter uniforms as the weather gets colder.
- *As previously mentioned, the opening of school will be guided by the following principles:*
 - *Protect the health and safety of students and staff*
 - *Follow the guidelines set out by the Government*
 - *Provide students with some familiarity of school routines for social/emotional/academic learning*
 - *Provide clear expectations for teachers, parents and students during this emergency learning environment.*
- The school will return to a full day. It's important to note that each day throughout the week will be governed by staggered start and finish times and staggered lunch and break times. Classes will remain within their class pods throughout the day wherever possible.
- Prior to the opening of the school all carpets will have been cleaned using the latest COVID -19 recommended detergent to ensure anything that is not good for the children's wellbeing will be wiped out.
- The school will not participate in assemblies until further notice.
- Homework will be sent out as normal.

In order to safeguard the community to the best of our ability and to allow for the continuation of learning, I have detailed below clear expectations of both children and parents. I have also outlined other procedures we have in place to ensure transparency

and to offer parents accurate information regarding the protocols and expectations in place.

Daily Protocols and Procedures:

- Each year group will arrive and depart at staggered intervals throughout the day (Please note siblings will be allowed to be dropped off together).
- There is no early morning drop off. Children must arrive at the designated times.
- No assemblies will take place until further notice.
- All movement around and within the building is to happen with the expected 2 metres distance in place.
- Upon entering school, students will use hand sanitizer before going to classrooms.
- Students will wash their hands every time they leave and enter the classroom
- No parent entry into school.
- All break times are staggered to reduce the number of children outside in the playground at any one time.
- Any children exhibiting any symptoms before school will be refused entry and any child developing symptoms at school will be sent home immediately.
- No traffic in the corridors with all transitions taking place when other classes are back in their classrooms.
- Cleaning at lunchtime and deep clean every day from 3-6pm which includes steaming door handles, toilets, bannisters and all tiled floors.
- A thorough desktop surface clean before departing for the playground with antiseptic spray and wipes (which will be provided for each class)
- The availability for teachers to wear face masks when within immediate proximity to the students (1-1 and incidents of First Aid)
- **After School** – is available to all students **apart from Reception** children until further notice. Please note the children will be placed in classes and occasionally mixed during the session, but strict social distancing protocols will be observed, and year groups will be isolated wherever possible.

Expectations of children:

- Children will be allowed in the building at the assigned staggered start times only (unless they are accompanying a sibling).
- Children enter the building without parents.
- Children must sanitize their hands when entering the building.
- Children must adhere to the 2-metre rule when entering and exiting the building.
- Children will wash hands upon leaving and entering the classroom using the hand sanitizer available.
- In order for these arrangements to work well, it is really important for children and parents to adhere to these times without fail.
- Children will assemble outside as they would do normally before being called to the classroom. Social distancing rules will be observed at all times both inside and outside.
- Children must ensure they are fully prepared with everything they need to work as normal.

Expectations of parents:

- Parents will arrive at the assigned staggered start time and dismissal time – it is very important to keep to these times to encourage social distancing.

- If their child(ren) is exhibiting any of the COVID 19 symptoms parents must ensure they do not attend school under any circumstances and that they follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed cases of coronavirus infection. It's important to note that, having had the test, and even with a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. The reason for this being they could still develop COVID 19 within the remaining days.
- If your child is exhibiting a temperature DO NOT GIVE THEM CALPOL to reduce the temperature so they can attend school.
- Any child showing symptoms at school must be picked up immediately.
- Parents drop off their children outside of the building.
- Parents will pick up children at the times noted in the schedule.
- Parents must ensure any resources sent home during the lockdown are returned to school, especially reading and textbooks.

What happens if a member of the school community tests positive for COVID 19?

- All community members are required to inform the school if they or a family member has tested positive for COVID 19.
- Due to the classes being in their pods throughout the day, the class pod in direct contact would be sent home and would be advised to self-isolate for 14 days following their point of contact with the infected person
- The school will then contact the local health protection team.
- Please note, according to government guidance, household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child who is self-isolating develops symptoms within the 14-day window.
- Parents should follow the government guidelines as detailed below:


<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

- **Track and Trace:** All schools are required to participate in the Track and Trace system and Froebel will work with the Health Protection Team to ensure we are part of a response system that allows for the immediate tracking and tracing of community members that are in the high-risk category.

I appreciate there will be a natural level of stress associated with the beginning of school. I believe it's important to note that, before we broke up in July, we had over 85% of our school community back in school and the impact this had on their social and emotional development and in many cases, recovery, was tangible and critical in helping us close any learning gaps that had materialised. The risks associated within the school setting, as well as the low infection rates compared to the rest of the country, I hope will encourage parents to ensure their child is in attendance for the start of the academic year. Having them back is vital not only to their academic and emotional progress within the classroom setting but most importantly, their mental health.

Should you have any questions or concerns then please don't hesitate to contact me at school either by email or telephone.

Yours sincerely,



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