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School in September 2020

Dear Parents,

As I said in last week's newsletter, following the announcement that all schools should prepare to open for all children in the Autumn Term, we have now begun making plans for how our school will run in September 2020. We will be closely following guidance from the DfE and Dorset Council and as part of this have already received confirmation from Dorset Council that, given our small size we can look to run our school and Pre-School classed as one 'bubble'. This means children will not be confined to one group for everything and staff will be able to move between classes as we do in normal circumstances. However, our Risk Assessment will make it clear that we will still have our strict safety systems in place, such as cleanliness and hygiene; as we have had since we reopened to some year groups at the beginning of June.

We shall be preparing the school site over the summer to be able to invite all children back for the Autumn safely and we will be organising classrooms in a way that spreads children out as much as possible and ensure that all communal spaces avoid having children gathering together in small spaces e.g. the cloakroom area. We will also continue to utilise the Village Hall space more regularly to allow us more room.

Children Starts Dates in September

Some of our children will have not been in school for over 5 months by September, so to support the differing needs of children upon their return we have decided to stagger the start of the new school year as below:

- **Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September** - Staff INSET Days 1 and 2 (no children in school).
- **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September** - children in Pre-School, **new** Year 3, **new** Year 4 and **new** Reception return only.
- **Monday 7th September** - children from **new** Year 1 and **new** Year 2 also return so all children are back in school.

The governors and I feel that this approach will allow, children who have not been in school and our new Reception children who have not had their usual 'taster' sessions, two days to adjust to being back in the school environment again before being joined by those children who have had the chance to return for half of the Summer Term and get used to being back in school already. Staff will also be able to use this time to settle children and start making any catch up plans needed for each child.

Wrap Around Care - our Breakfast and After-School Club will resume for all children from when they start back too. Extra-Curricular clubs from outside providers will not start straightaway, a letter



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regarding any Sports and Art clubs will be sent out in the new school year.

School Meals - we are still waiting to hear from Local Food Links about school meal provision for the Autumn Term. As soon as we have any information we shall send this out too.

Another thing just to note is that if families are planning to go abroad over the summer, please consider the implications of the need to quarantine upon returning from certain countries. Children will not be able to attend school if they have not isolated for two weeks if they have returned from places not included on the government's [list of COVID 19 Travel Corridors](#).

I will be sharing with parents our Risk Assessment and any further details for September in due course.

Kind regards,

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