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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the school year, may I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support, understanding and commitment to home learning throughout this difficult period. School will close for pupils on Friday 17th July but will remain open for children of critical workers until Wednesday 22nd July. Thereafter, Peacocks Holiday Club will be running until 7th August. School will reopen for children on Thursday 3rd September 2020 at 7.30am.

The immediacy of lockdown and the ever changing government guidance has presented myriad logistical challenges and we thank you for your patience as we have negotiated the best ways to safely provide for our children and the community during these uncertain times.

The teamwork and dedication of the staff throughout has been an inspiration and staff have worked extremely hard both onsite and virtually to keep the learning going.

It has been a joy to welcome the children back for transition sessions this week and we are all relieved to be able to welcome back all our school community in September. Below I have outlined some of the parameters, dictated by government guidance, which will allow school to open safely and welcome everyone back in September. Please take a moment of your time to read and understand the measures we have put in place for September so everything can run smoothly.

What to expect in September:

- School attendance and uniform is compulsory
- There are staggered start and finish times and separate entrances for each class. A map and class organisation chart highlighting the nearest gate for your entrance are attached for your convenience.
- Punctuality is essential to keep everybody safe. If you are late, you will not be admitted. If you miss your slot, please call the office to arrange a safe time for you to bring your child into school. Lates will continue to convert to unauthorised absences and fines. Please see additional information under the sibling section. We will of course do everything we can to assist parents with more than one child.
- Please avoid the main entrance between 8.30 and 8.45am and between 2.45pm and 3.15pm and as this is a dedicated Y2 entrance and exit.
- Parents must not enter the building and must be mindful of other parents when dropping off and collecting children. This means strictly adhering to times, observing social distancing, following the one way system and leaving the school site as quickly as possible. This is to minimise the amount of contact and keep everybody safe. If you need to speak to a teacher, please contact them via the online platform or via the school office.
- Children must bring their own equipment: pens, pencils, erasers, colouring pencils etc in a clearly labelled bag. No toys are to be brought in from home.
- Regular hand washing and sanitising will continue
- Breaks and lunches will be staggered so children and staff will remain in class bubbles to minimise contact.
- There will be no mass gatherings such as assemblies or whole school events for the time being under the current guidance.

- Classrooms and common areas will be cleaned, sanitised and well ventilated throughout the day. Windows and doors will be opened so please ensure your child has a jumper for the colder months.
- We are not expecting children or staff to wear masks because this causes a barrier and is not necessary under the current guidance. Staff have been issued with PPE in the event of a first aid incident and they have been briefed on safe disposal.
- Peacocks is available for working parents from 7.30 am – 9am and 3.00 – 5.00pm. The risk assessment follows school procedure with regular hand washing, sanitising of equipment and children in separate bubbles as far as possible. If you require a place, please contact Mrs Hegazy as soon as possible so we can plan appropriately.
- From September, free school meals will be served in school so the voucher scheme will cease after the holidays.

Siblings

If you have more than one child, drop off at the earliest time then follow the one way system and drop siblings who are attending later at the Peacocks entrance. School will ensure they are kept in bubbles and transported to the correct place at the correct time. There will be a minimal charge of £1.50 for this service.

Example A: Mr Bamford has a child in Goldcrests, one in Hawks and a child in Eagles. He parks very considerably near Curlew Close, enters via the Curlew Close gate and drops Child A at Goldcrests entrance, follows the one way system to drop Child B at Hawks' entrance and continues round the one way system to drop Child C at Eagles. As child C does not start until 9am, Mr Bamford has the option of dropping Child C at Peacocks' entrance and continuing with his day.

Example B: Mrs Norden has a child in Chicks and a child in Owls. Both children start at 8.45am. Mrs Norden and her children come in via Bamford Way; one child is dropped off at Owls' entrance at 8.45am and Mrs Norden then follows the one way system to Chicks' entrance. Mrs Norden has informed Chicks' teacher via the online platform that both her children start at the same time so the staff at Chicks' entrance know that Mrs Norden may be a few minutes late.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. Sometimes it has been difficult to get through to the office because all staff have been pupil facing, pulling together as a team to try and keep things as normal as possible for children. From September, we have a full complement of staff back in and we are all looking forward to working together again.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I wish you all the very best for the summer and trust that you and your loved ones will stay safe and well.

Best wishes



Ms L Matthews
Principal



Class organisation for September 2020

CLASS	TEACHER	Nearest Gate	Entrance & Exit	Start time	Finish time
Pre-School - PUFFLINGS	Mrs Woodhead	Main Gate, Belgium St	Unit 1 entrance	8.30	3.00
Reception - CHICKS	Mrs Ashworth	Main Gate, Belgium St	Unit 1 entrance	8.45	3.15
Reception - DUCKLINGS	Miss Dickson	Main Gate, Belgium St	Unit 1 entrance	9.00	3.30
Y1 - ROBINS	Miss Doherty	Curlew Close Gate	Unit 2 entrance	8.45	3.15
Y1 - KINGFISHERS	Miss Bond	Curlew Close Gate	Unit 2 entrance	9.00	3.30
Y2 GOLDCRESTS	Ms Mayren	Curlew Close Gate	Dining Hall entrance	8.30	3.00
Y2 - SWANS	Mrs O Hara	Main Gate, Belgium St	Main entrance	8.30	3.00
Y3 - FALCONS	Ms Darby	Curlew Close Gate	Unit 3 entrance	8.45	3.15
Y3/4 - KESTRELS	Mr Shepherd	Curlew Close Gate	Unit 3 entrance	9.00	3.30
Y4 - HAWKS	Mr Gomez	Bamford Way Gate	Hawks' entrance	8.30	3.00
Y5 - WOODPECKERS	Mr Leak	Bamford Way Gate	Woodpeckers' entrance	8.30	3.00
Y5/6 - OWLS	Mrs Howorth	Bamford Way Gate	Unit 4 entrance	8.45	3.15
Y6 - EAGLES	Miss Griffiths	Bamford Way Gate	Unit 4 entrance	9.00	3.30