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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. I just wanted to update you before next week's return with how our preparations for re-opening have gone and to reassure you about how hard all Leaders, Staff and Governors have worked to continue to make Yorkley Primary as safe as possible for everyone.



The virus has not gone away and therefore it is still vital that we do whatever we can to minimize the risk factors in school. To support this, a new draft risk assessment has been written and is available to read on the school website. To accompany this, we have also produced a parent friendly leaflet to explain what to do if your child displays Covid-19 symptoms or if you have a family member isolating.



Bubbles no longer remain in place in school, so having everyone back together will be wonderful in regard to supporting friendships and mental health. However, with this, the risk of transmission remains a worry so we will still be keeping our one-way system in place at least until October half term. Parents do not have to wear face coverings outside however when entering the school building, including the main reception area masks must be worn. Parents will now access the playground through the security gate by the office and exit by the junior entrance as requested last term.



If cases remain low in the area and it being safe to do so, we are hoping to be able to invite parents back in for whole school assemblies, events and stay and play infant sessions. Please be patient and allow us to settle back in first and monitor how things are going.



With growing pupil numbers, the building work for our new classroom has all gone to plan. Staff have been in school over the holiday setting rooms up and the school looks bright and fresh ready to promote learning.

School procedures will now go back to normal:



Breakfast Club: will be running from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September (7.45 to 8.40 am). Please walk your child to the side gate for the first week to meet a member of staff as they are not booked in. Week 13<sup>th</sup> September, all children will need to be booked in as usual; ask the office for details if unsure.

Soft start: runs 8.40 – 9.00 a.m. all children can attend and are encouraged to do so.

Attendance: Gate closes at 8.50 for Juniors, 9.00 a.m. for Infants. Please be on time.



Children entering school

Children in Reception (Calipso), Year 1 (Apollo) will meet their teachers by their side gates at the front of the school.

Children in Year 2 (Phoenix) Year 3/4 (Oberon) and Year 4/5 (Mariner) will enter through the Junior side door through the double green gates.

Year 6 (Skylab) to walk around onto the playground, up the steps straight into their classroom.

All children to be collected from 3.00pm on the school playground at least until October half term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Burke  
Head Teacher

