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September

Dear Parent/Carer

I am very pleased to inform you that school will be fully open to ALL children from Thursday 3rd September 2020. We have missed our wonderful children greatly- we are so looking forward to having our whole school together again.

As many of you will know, school has now successfully reopened to children in Year 6, Year 1 and Reception- in line with government and Liverpool City Council guidance. We have also been able to offer places to children of key workers and to those identified as vulnerable. This means that we have approximately 100 children in school each day. Prior to this, we were open as a Childcare Hub from 23rd March, right through to June. I am extremely pleased to report that all of this was managed without problems and children and staff have thankfully been healthy and happy throughout.

We have achieved this through a carefully planned and managed approach. The safety of our whole school community has been our number one priority. This will continue in September.

I would like to share with you some of the details and principles which are designed to keep us all safe when we return:

- Children will be kept in 'Bubbles'. Each Year group will be a Bubble. They will be kept separate from the rest of the school as much as is practically possible. For example, there will be staggered playtime and lunchtimes and strictly limited movement around the building.
- Within each Bubble, children will be able to have a normal school experience, interacting with their friends and teachers in class and at playtime. Children do not need to follow social distancing whilst in their Bubble.
- With some small changes, children will have full access to our interesting and varied curriculum.
- Rigorous hand washing routines and hygiene will be followed by all children and staff.
- We will continue to have enhanced cleaning procedures in place, with a cleaner on site throughout the school day, in addition to a full clean every evening.
- There will be special arrangements in place at the beginning and end of the school day to limit the numbers of children and parents on the playground (details to follow).
- A full rigorous risk assessment will be in place, alongside clear plans to manage the return of all children.

School will be following Department for Education and Liverpool City Council guidance at all times.

All children are expected to return to school in September unless they are advised by a doctor to shield due to extreme clinical vulnerability. I can assure you that we will be working very hard to support children emotionally and academically after such a prolonged absence. We will try to ensure that school is as 'normal' as possible, so that children will enjoy being here as well as being safe.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to operate Breakfast Club for the foreseeable future, as children from different Bubbles are not allowed to mix in school. Some after school clubs for certain year groups will run once we are back in September.

Clearly, the advice and guidance to schools may change throughout the summer and there is a great deal of additional information that school will need to share with parents ahead of September, so I will write to you regularly throughout the summer. You will receive text messages with a link to updated letters on the school website, so please ensure that the school office has your up to date contact details.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours Sincerely

Mr David Potter

Head Teacher