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Dear Parents and Carers,

In July, the Government announced that all children are to return to school in September 2020. In school we have been planning for the safe return of all children at the start of the Autumn Term. We are awaiting further guidance about what this may look like in September, however I hope the information below provides you with some idea about the return to school of all children in September and how it will work.

- Children will be required to wear their usual school uniform from September onwards
- Children can bring either a packed lunch or order a hot lunch from Local Food Links. You will receive a separate email with instructions on re-registering with LFL and setting up hot meal orders for your child
- Children may bring a small bag/rucksack but this should only contain necessary items such as a water bottle but no pencil cases
- Children will need to arrive at school at staggered start and end times to support social distancing. If your child is in Orchard Class, they will need to arrive at 8.30-8.40am and be collected at 3.05pm. If your child is in Pippin Class, they will need to arrive between 8.45 and 8.55am and be collected at 3.15pm. If you have children in both groups, please adhere to the earlier slot
- Please wait in cars rather than gather in groups at the gates or in the car park unless you are walking. Orchard class children should come up to the blue doors on their own if they are able to and stand on a coloured dot on the path to help with social distancing. We will inform families of more detail prior to the start of term
- Teachers will then welcome them individually into school and ask them to wash their hands before going to their learning space.
- Please support in keeping the site safe by avoiding close communication with others
- We may need to operate a one-way system and will inform families before the beginning of term if this will be the case
- At the end of the school day at 3.15pm, please wait outside in your cars, or if walking, at the gate and we will walk out with the children and release them to parents/carers. Please do not wait by the blue doors or along the front of the building as the gates will not be opened to parents.



During the school day, we will be focusing on key areas which we will build into the curriculum, particularly in the first few weeks. These include:

- Recognising children's social and emotional needs (particularly for children who have been out of school for almost 6 months)
- Identifying gaps in learning
- Rebuilding resilience in learning and re-establishing routines
- Supporting children who find it hard to cope with coming back.

In order to address these needs, we are putting in place a 'recovery curriculum' which will include daily PSHCE lessons and informal tasks to assess children's underlying ability.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back. Thank you for your patience and support over the last few months. We will contact all families in the week before the start of term when we will have received further government guidance and this will reflect the most up-to-date information available.

Best wishes

Miss Smith
Head of School