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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: September 2020

As you are no doubt aware, the Government have confirmed that all children will return to full time education as of September 2020. With this announcement comes lots of questions which we hope this letter will be able to answer for you.

First and foremost, I think it important to reassure you once again, that every safety measure possible has and will continue to be taken for our children to return to school. Some will have spent time with us over the last few weeks, perhaps months, and the safety measures we have taken for this to happen will continue.

Secondly, I would also like to assure you that every decision we have made has not been done lightly. With careful consideration and in consultation with staff, we intend to open our doors in September and welcome children into our happy, inspiring and loved school where they can return to their learning with confidence and a smile on their face.

The information below is intended to help you prepare for the forthcoming new academic year. Please regularly check our website at www.greenlandcommunityprimary.durham.sch.uk for any updates as more information becomes available to us. Day to day information will also continue to be posted on our school and partnership Facebook pages.

ALL YEAR GROUPS WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL

Returning to school in September is no longer optional, therefore, all children will be expected to do so. As this is a mandatory return, fines will be in place for those failing to do so without good reason.

If your child is unable to return to school in September it is essential you contact our Attendance Officer Mr Shaw on 07914143634 or 01207 232147 to discuss this further.

START DATES & TIMES

Our school officially re-opens on Wednesday 2nd September 2020.

School starts at 8:45am and gates are locked at this point for the safety of all children. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time as lateness does affect their attendance and persistent lateness will be addressed by our Attendance Officer, Mr Shaw. From September we will have staggered drop off and pick up times to limit the number of people on the premises at one time. I appreciate some families have children in different year groups but we are unable to accommodate every family's individual circumstances. It is vital the times and locations are adhered to and families leave the premises quickly.

Reception children will come in through the EYFS gate where they will be met by staff. A separate letter will be sent out to our new starters to explain the transition visits and start times for the first few weeks. Parents will need to walk down the pathway from the car park barrier keeping to the left nearest the green school fence. Children will be handed to staff at the gate and parents will walk back up the path once again keeping to the left near the white fence.

Year 1 and 2 children will continue to arrive and leave using the Key Stage 1 gate which leads into the playground and parents will wait (socially distancing) on the right of way path running alongside the green fence. The Key Stage 1 gate will be open from 8:30am - 8:45am. Children can be collected at 3:00pm





Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will continue to arrive and leave using the Key Stage 2 gate beside the MUGA. Years 5 and 6 can arrive between 8:15am – 8:30am. Years 3 and 4 can arrive between 8:30am – 8:45am. Years 3 and 4 can be collected at 3:10pm whilst Year 5 and 6 can be collected at 3:20pm.

It would be greatly appreciated if you do not arrive earlier than your allocated time slot and once you have collected your child/children please leave the premises immediately so we can monitor the number of people on site. If we feel we need to change these times to avoid too many people being on the premises we will do so. It is vital you do not use the drop off and collection times to linger on the premises unnecessarily.

DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP

Unless restrictions change between now and September, you should assume that we will retain our rules around dropping off and picking up your child/children so would appreciate it if these rules were adhered to it at all times.

Only one adult should be on school premises. Should you need to bring a younger sibling then please ensure they always stay with you. Please do not walk through the car park. It is essential that pathways marked out for each year group are followed. Parents will not be allowed inside the school building so please do not attempt to enter the main reception for any reason. Should you need to speak to Mrs Ramage our Office Manager or myself please call 01207 232147 or email b.ramage300@durhamlearning.net or a.lewis200@durhamlearning.net

It is essential that whilst on our school premises you fully adhere to the social distancing guidelines in place. Therefore, please be aware that gates and yards will not be opened until the specified times stated above. Children who walk to school independently should not access the school premises before their allocated time.

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Breakfast club and after-school provision will be available on a very limited basis and will need to be booked in advance. Due to the set-up of 'bubbles' children from different year groups are not allowed to mix which greatly restricts the provision we can offer.

Priority for places for breakfast club will be offered to working families first. Please see attached booking form for details.

After-school provision will be limited and, depending on guidance released over the summer, we may not be able to offer any after-school provision for the first term. Whilst this is not what we want as we understand many families rely on this provision, we must ensure the safety of your children and our staff is paramount in all decisions made. Based on the current guidance and restrictions we will not be able to offer any wrap around provision and clubs will be based on year group bubbles only. We cannot offer after-school provision for every year group every night of the week due to staff and space limitations. After-school clubs will be chargeable at £1:00 per session from September and payment for the half term is required when booking. Places can only be booked through ParentPay. Clubs offered will be available to view and book on Friday 21st August by which time we are hoping we have further guidance available as to what we can offer.

Reception new starters cannot access either breakfast club or after-school provision until Monday 5th October.

Any ParentPay issues please email b.ramage300@durhamlearning.net

UNIFORM

We will return to full uniform in September. We feel it important, now more than ever, for our children to feel a sense of belonging and part of our school community and uniform helps us achieve this.

Our uniform consists of grey or black trousers or skirt, a white polo shirt and a bottle green jumper or cardigan. Leggings, joggers and denim trousers are not permitted. It is worth noting that a school badge jumper is not essential so please do not put you family under any financial pressure to purchase this. Where possible clean uniform should be worn daily. Black school shoes or black on black trainers are permitted. Coloured shoes or trainers (those with coloured motifs, logos or white soles) are not permitted. Trainers can be worn at break and lunch times to access the MUGA but will not be permitted as school shoes.

PE will return to our curriculum in September and so again, children should wear their PE uniform when participating. Our PE uniform consists of a white t-shirt and green or black shorts. Branded t-shirts or football strips are not permitted. Black or green tracksuit bottoms in the colder weather are permitted.





All the above uniform items can be purchased locally at ASDA.

Under current guidelines items brought into school from home should be limited to a packed lunch, reading book and homework. These items also require cleaning once in school and again when taken home. Reading books and homework need to be isolated and taken out of circulation for 48 hours. Mobile phones will **NOT** be allowed in school.

SCHOOL MEALS

School meals will operate as normal, however, please note a slight increase to their cost to £2.10. Meals should be paid for in advance via ParentPay. Credit of any value is not granted. EYFS and Key Stage 1 children are eligible for school meals at no cost. The menu will be uploaded to our school website and Facebook page in August.

If your child has packed lunch, please ensure any packed lunch box and water bottle can be easily cleaned and this is done every evening. Our healthy packed lunch guidelines will remain unchanged (a bag of crisps on Wednesdays only and chocolate on Fridays only).

TEST & TRACE

It is very important that we control any outbreak of Covid-19 in our school, therefore, should this happen, all staff and children will be required to engage with the Test and Trace process.

Should a member of staff or child develop symptoms whilst in school they will be sent home to self-isolate and are required to undertake a Covid-19 test. To avoid any confusion, this is something you will be required to arrange, school will not do this on your behalf.

If a member of your child's household tests positive for Covid-19 you have a duty to inform us.

School closures, either full or partial, will only be decided by the Public Health England team who we will liaise with should any of the above occur.

We have attached an updated 2020/2021 Holiday and PD list for your information.

Finally, please ensure you have informed school with any updated telephone numbers or changes to addresses to ensure that we hold the correct information for your child.

I appreciate there is a lot of information to digest and I have no doubt there will be more as the situation evolves and we near September. In the meantime, should you have any additional questions please contact me via a.lewis200@durhamlearning.net and I will endeavor to help as much as I can.

Many, many thanks for your continued support. Without it we would not have the amazing school we have. The staff and I cannot wait to have everyone back in September so please work with us to make 2020-21 an amazing year for our children.

Kindest regards,

Miss A. M. Lewis

Acting Headteacher

