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# HEADTEACHER – MR A KITCHEN

4th September

Dear Parents

We are 2 weeks into term already and things have been running well in school. Over 99% of children have returned to school, which we are very proud of. Thank you for supporting their return; we appreciate your trust in our reopening plans. Below I have highlighted some of the changes we are making next week.

**Classroom changes**

In Year 1 and 2, the children will be working in small table groups. They will still have a consistent table and chair. This will better support their learning and allow them to do more appropriate activities.

**PE**

Children in Years 1-4 will be getting changed into their PE kit next week, so will need to bring their kit in to stay at school. For now, Year 5 and 6 will continue to do PE and can change their footwear if they want to. Due to their age, it is more difficult to organise changing for these children. We will review this continually and we may decide to allow children to come to school in their PE kit if we cannot manage this safely. We will confirm our plans here next week.

**Outside changes**

The children have adapted well to the routines and have really enjoyed their outside spaces. Next week, we will be allowing some limited football at break times. Initially, this will be for Years 3-6 and the children will only be playing in their class bubbles. There will still be plenty of space for children to play other games.

**Entry and exit to school**

Entry into school has been very positive and we can see that there has been a reduction in the number of adults on site. However, the end of the day can feel a little more rushed, as we seem to have people arriving and queuing from 2:45pm. **Officially, our school day ends at 3:15pm** and our gates open from 3pm. The school site is very quiet at 3:10pm with only a couple of children left on site.

Below, I am outlining the changes for next week. There will also be a video on the school website with this information. Please make sure everyone who is involved in drop off and/or collection has read and understood this information.

* We will be opening our classrooms between 8:35am and 8:55am next week. Please note, Year 5 and 6 must be in school by 8:50am and should enter and leave without an adult.
* The library gates are entry only. Hunter’s Way gates will remain exit only.
* The park entrance will now be a way in and an exit. We feel that parents can manage their safety here and we will continue to monitor how this works. Please be considerate and willing to wait.
* Year 1 parents must enter through the library entrance only and follow the one way system at the front of the school.
* The school gates will open from 3pm to 3:15pm for collection of children up to Year 4.
* Children in Year 5 and 6 will work until 3:15pm as we want to maximise their learning time. They can leave through either the park gates or the Hunter’s Way exit. Please make sure you have talked with your child about whether they are walking home or if you are meeting them at a specific place outside the school premises.

Regards

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