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Reception and Y1 Return to school 29th June 2020:

Dear parent, we hope that this letter finds you safe and well.

You indicated that you would like your child to return to school when we re-open to pupils from Reception and Year 1 on 29th June 2020. Due to increased numbers of pupils returning at this time, your child will no longer be taught in the Early Years unit as previously stated, nor will their 'bubble' include nursery pupils. **Your child will be taught by Miss Williams (Y1 teacher) and Miss Raffell (reception teacher) in Miss Williams' classroom in the main school building.**

The Reception /Y1 'bubble' will operate from the times previously stated: 9.15am to 3.10pm Monday to Thursday and 9.15- 12.00 on Fridays (to allow for Deep Cleaning to take place on Friday afternoons). **Children must be dropped off and picked up promptly at these times, from the pedestrian gate at the top of the main playground.** A member of staff will greet them and escort them into school. Please do not congregate at the gate, but observe the 2m social distancing rule if possible, nearby. **Parents and Carers will not be able to enter school grounds.** If your child has a new, persistent cough, has recently lost their senses of taste and smell or have a temperature, please inform us immediately and do not bring them to the school. If any child or adult within the 'bubble' has Covid19 symptoms, the entire bubble must self-isolate for 14 days unless a negative test result is returned. **Any communications you need to have with the school office or senior staff must be made by telephone or email (see above).**

Lunches:

Can you please let us know (email, telephone, text) whether your child will bring a packed lunch from home or whether you would like them to have a packed lunch made by the catering team (Taylor Shaw). There will be no hot meals available for the remainder of this term. 'Universal' free school meals will equate to a school packed lunch during the summer term. If you are currently in receipt of Edenred Meals Vouchers, but wish the school to provide a packed lunch for your child, Vouchers will not be issued until the school holidays. Children may bring a coat with them, but should wear clean/washed clothing each day (uniform not necessary). No other items such as bags, books or pencil cases should be brought to school. Should the hot weather return, children will be permitted to bring a hat to wear outside- please ensure you apply sunscreen to them before coming to school. **Please assist us by impressing upon your child the need to adhere to social distancing guidance, both in the classroom and at play.**

Whilst this may seem like a lot of new rules and restrictions, we do this because we are committed to ensuring that your child's return to school is as safe as possible- we look forward to seeing them soon.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Addison