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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school tomorrow - Thursday 2nd September.

As I mentioned before the summer holidays, our intention is to maintain the bubble system for the first couple of weeks of this term. I hope all of you have had an opportunity to meet friends and family over the summer holidays, that you haven't perhaps seen for a while. However, as we now all come back together at school, we will use this bubble period to prevent unnecessary transmission across the entire school. After this we will review the infection levels locally and based on this decide whether to stick with the bubbles or return to a more integrated arrangement. This will have very little impact on children or parents (other than keeping them safe) and mostly affects staff and some internal organisation.

In classrooms the tables are grouped again and they have shared pens and pencils, although children will still be asked to wash their hands on entering the classroom. Our bubble system was very successful last year and the children are very used to the arrangements. Although we are not using a one-way system or staggered start and drop off anymore, we will initially use the large **KS1 playground gate** rather than the small pedestrian gate, as this will allow parents to keep to a distance they feel comfortable with.

Masks are optional, but please remember that some people - parents and staff - might not feel as comfortable with the removal of restrictions as others do, so it is important that we respect their concerns by maintaining a distance.

Covid-19 remains a serious illness for many people, so it is important that if you or your child have symptoms, you book a PCR test at a local test centre. You should not send your child to school if they have Covid symptoms or if they have tested positive, but it is no longer necessary for them to isolate if they are merely a contact.

If you have any doubts about symptoms or the rules about isolation, please feel free to give us a call and we will do our best to advise you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Raftery
Headteacher



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