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We are delighted that all of our children will be returning to school in the Autumn Term and are particularly pleased to be welcoming our new Nursery and Reception intake. Please be assured that we have been very busy finalising our plans and preparing the school so we can ensure that our children, staff and parents and carers are kept as safe and secure as possible on the school premises.

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This presentation is designed to provide you with important information about the measures we will be taking to minimise the risk of the spread of coronavirus whilst continuing to provide a rich educational experience for the children. Our positive partnership with our parents and carers will play a vital role in helping us to ensure a smooth transition for all our children and we thank you for your co-operation and ongoing support and understanding, especially during these challenging times.

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All pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will be returning on Monday 7th September, we will be operating flexible drop-off and pick-up times which will be between 8.45 and 9.00am in the mornings and between 3.00pm and 3.15pm in the afternoons.

In order to help parents and children to adjust to our new pick-up and drop-off routines, for the first day only, we will be extending these start and finish times. Therefore on Monday 7th September we ask that parents of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 drop-off their children between 8.45am and 9.00am and the parents of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 drop-off their children between 9.00am and 9.15am. At the end of the day we ask parents of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 to pick-up their children between 3.00pm and 3.15pm and the parents and carers of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 pick-up their children up between 3.15pm and 3.30pm.

Families which have children in both groups should bring their children in between 9.00am and 9.15am and pick them up between 3.15pm and 3.30pm.

The children in Nursery and Reception have been given later and staggered start dates. Parents and children have also invited in for a short transition meeting where they will have the opportunity to meet the teachers before their child's start date. Please note that you will need to report to the school office and that parents will be required wear a mask at these meetings.

Everyone will be expected to enter the school via the pedestrian gate on Edensor Road and to avoid the dangers of people congregating at the gate; we ask that nobody arrives before 8.45 am in the morning or 3.00pm in the afternoon. On entry to the school, parents and carers of children from Year 1 to 6 will turn left. You will be guided by staff and the chevron markings which lead past the Year 3 and Year 4 Classes around to the Junior Playground, then over the steps leading to the Year 1 and 2 classes around the back of the school. You will be able to maintain social distancing by remaining at least two chevrons apart. Children in Year 3 and 4 will enter their classrooms via the pathways leading to the doors, Year 5 and 6 will enter their classrooms via the steps from the Junior Playground and Years 1 and 2 will be guided by cones across the grass area leading to their classroom doors. Once you have dropped your child it is important that you keep following the one-way system around the the exit gate leading to Alexandra Gardens.

Arrangements for Nursery and Reception are slightly different. After entering the pedestrian gate you will turn right, Reception parents and children will then enter the Reception play area and follow the chevrons markers around to the classroom. After your child has entered the classroom, parents will follow the route up the ramp to join the pathway leading to the junior playground and then around to the back of the school to the exit gate leading to Alexandra Gardens. Nursery parents and children will follow the chevron markers past the school's community room and through the school car park and walk through the Riverside Nursery playarea to the Cavendish Nursery playground. After dropping your child, you will be directed around to the exit gate leading to Alexandra Gardens.

Please be aware that you may have to queue before your child is invited into their classroom by the teacher, after which we encourage you to leave as quickly and safely as possible.

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The same routines will operate at pick-up times. It is also important to remember that parents and carers must not enter the school building unless they have been invited to do so by a member of staff. Please avoid having conversations with the teachers at drop-off and pick-up times as this will have an impact on the queues and may distract the staff from their duties. If you do need to communicate to the teacher, please do this either by emailing or phoning the school office.

We would also like to remind everyone to avoid overtaking one another when walking around the premises or leaving the pathway to cut across the grass areas.

In order to limit the number of adults on site, we request that you ensure that each child is only accompanied by just one adult and that parents and carers of children in Years 5 and 6 allow their children to enter and exit the school and their classes independently after the first day.

As part of the Local Authorities strategy to tackle traffic congestion around schools, there will be strict enforcement of some new parking restrictions around the school. This also means that you will not be able to park on the area by our main pedestrian gate on Edensor Road which leads to Promenade Approach Road. Further details will be made available on the school's website.

We would always encourage parents and their children to walk to school whenever possible. Due to the potential congestion around our cycle and scooter storage areas, parents and carers will need to take these home after your child enters the class. Special permission to store cycles will only be given where it can be shown that this is an essential mode of transport.

Parents and carers can also find some short videos on our website which may also help you to understand the drop-off and pick-up routines. These were created to guide those who were attending school during the lockdown period.

Again, we thank you in advance for your co-operation, patience and understanding.

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The school will undergo a deep clean during the summer break. All the areas will also receive a thorough clean at the end of the school day. This will include disinfecting any shared resources e.g. games equipment and construction toys. In addition, surfaces, door handles and toilets will be cleaned at regular intervals i.e. at least twice during the school day.

As a minimum, time will be allocated for all children to wash their hands, on arrival to school and before they leave at the end of the day, before and after their eating lunch, after going to the toilet and before and after playtimes or handling shared resources

The school will supply all the necessary equipment and allocate to individuals where possible.

Children will also be reminded to catch any coughs or sneezes into a tissue, to bin it and then wash their hands. In the immediate absence of a tissue, they will be told to sneeze or cough into their sleeve/elbow and then wash their hands.

Each Learning Bubble will have its own supply of tissues, paper towels, soaps, hand gel, wipes, cleaning cloths and personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff. Typically, PPE will only be used when social distancing is not possible e.g. if a child requires medical attention. However, some members of staff may choose to wear PPE at other times such as masks or visors.

We are sure that you will understand that primary-aged children cannot be expected to maintain social distancing within their own classes, however, we will be encouraging them to take as much care as possible. We will also be limiting the number of staff who visit the classes and ensuring that we keep our Learning Bubbles separated during breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Our caterers Chartwells, have made arrangements for continuing providing hot meals although the menus will be more limited. Our Reception children will eat in the school's Community Room, our Year 1 and 2 Bubble and Year 3 and 4 Bubble in the dining room and our Year 5 and 6 Bubble will eat in the main hall. Strict hygiene routines will be in place including the cleaning of tables and chairs between sittings.

Classrooms will be adapted to support more whole class teaching especially in the juniors, and equipment which is more difficult to clean such as soft furnishings will be removed.

Please note that due to the logistical challenges and coronavirus restrictions, all educational trips and visits have been suspended for the time being.

In accordance with Government guidance, if a pupil or member of staff becomes unwell and their symptoms indicate that they might have Coronavirus, we will take prompt action to isolate that person from the rest of the group and arrange for them to go home and provide information to enable them to undertake a test <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> .

In the case of a positive test, the Learning Bubble in question may be closed down for a period of 14 days and the areas affected will be deep cleaned. The School Leadership Team will also seek advice from Public Health England, who may instruct us to make wider closures.

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Please be assured that the teachers will always prioritise the well-being of children and will focus on their emotional and social development, especially during the first week of term.

We will be doing our best to provide a broad and exciting curriculum, however some activities may be more restricted or adapted for safety reasons such as games lessons and those requiring close contact and sharing of resources.

We recognise that some children may have struggled to engage with Home Learning activities during the lockdown period and would have fallen behind in their learning as a result. Teachers will do their best to identify gaps in learning and provide extra opportunities to help pupils to catch-up. It is however vital that these children also have support and encouragement from home.

We will continue to use and develop our online learning platform 'Google Classroom' in school. This will also be used to provide Home Learning activities if and when children are unable to attend school due to coronavirus isolation or if we are instructed to return to lockdown restrictions.

Finally, we would like to thank you for taking the time to listen to this presentation and for trusting us to take care of your child's education and well-being.