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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and all your families are healthy and well. We have received further guidance from the DfE for full opening of school for September 2020. Follow the link for detailed information for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Please ensure you watch the video uploaded on to Class Dojo in July, which gives you more information of what a September start will look like.

Remember school attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term.

ALL CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER:

FAMILY/ BUBBLES GROUPS: Each class will be a Family Group, consisting of 30 pupils, class teacher and an additional adult. Initially there will be no mixing between classes or year group families.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: Children will not be expected to social distance within their families/bubbles but we will encourage this as much as possible. This is in line with the guidance released by the government.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: All children will be asked to return to school in full school uniform in line with our policy as set out on the school website.

FOOTWEAR: Children will be asked to wear footwear in line with the policy. They may bring in trainers/plimsolls to change in to for outside play and PE lessons.

PE DAYS: Children do not need to change for PE but will need to wear the appropriate footwear- trainers/plimsolls. This will be reviewed during the autumn term.

PERSONAL ITEMS: Children will be encouraged to bring in minimal items in to school. They will need to bring in a labelled water bottle. Children will also need to bring a raincoat/water proves.

LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS: We look forward to welcoming our catering team in September. Lunchtimes will be staggered and will look a little different to the canteen system we were using before lockdown. We will be in a position to offer school meals from September but the choice will be greatly reduced to one hot option or sandwiches. Initially

the children will be eating in their classrooms, which will be reviewed before October half term.

Year 2 parents will need to be aware that school meals **will no longer be free in KS2**; unless you are in receipt of Universal Credit. If you are unsure, please speak to one of the office staff who could advise you.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL: Sadly, we do not anticipate being in a position to be able to welcome parents into the building in September. We have put in safety precautions in place in our main reception for any parents needing to come in to speak to the office staff. However, we ask that parents/carers remain respectful of social distancing and only come in to the reception area if absolutely necessary. The school office telephone number is 020 8888 6100.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS: There will be no whole school events for the Autumn term. This will also mean there will be no whole school collective worship. These will either be screened in class as the assembly is conducted by leaders and teachers in the school hall. This will begin to bring the whole school together whilst maintaining the class 'families'.

START AND FINISH TIMES:

To enable everyone to return to school in a safe manner year groups will have a staggered return during the first week back; **week beginning Monday 7th September. See table below:**

Year group	Returning to school Week beginning 7 th September 2020	Entrance and exit	Start and finish times
Year 6	Monday 7 th September	Tottenham Road	8.40 a.m. – 3.25 p.m.
Year 5	Tuesday 8 th September		8.30 a.m. – 3.15 p.m.
Year 4	Wednesday 9 th September	Grenoble Gardens	8.40 a.m. – 3.25 p.m.
Year 3	Thursday 10 th September		8.30 a.m. – 3.15 p.m.

For the rest of the term the times and points of entry will remain the same for each year group. If there are siblings in the school or at Tottenham Infant School they will be able to both arrive and be collected at the later time slots, irrelevant of their year group. Please inform the school during the first week if this is the case.

To ensure your child's safety and to reduce congestion please encourage your child to walk to and from school or drop them off at the end of Grenoble or Tottenham road. Please do not congregate around the entrances of the school.

WRAP AROUND CHILDCARE:

Parents/carers need to be aware that the children will not be in their usual family/bubble group but will be mixed during clubs. Where possible children will be put in year groups.

SMAB will be running a **Breakfast Club** from 7.45 a.m. to 8.25 a.m. If your child has been allocated a place they may start commencing week beginning Monday 7th September once their year group is back. Numbers are limited and places were already allocated for the autumn term at the end July. If you would like a place in the future you will be able to put your child's name on a waiting list by contacting the school office by emailing office@smab.enfield.sch.uk or calling on 020 8888 6100.

Super Stars Sports will be running an **After School Club** based at Tottenham. Places will need to be booked online through the company's website. (Go to club section and click on Tottenham Infant School). <http://www.superstarsportbookings.co.uk/>

I would also like to remind parent/carers that from September St Michael at Bowes will revert back to our normal school day; **Friday closure at 1.00 p.m.** These clubs are specifically for parents who work and would find it difficult to make alternative arrangements for the collection of their child. Places have already been allocated for the autumn term and the

register is now closed; there will be no availability until the spring term. Further information will be sent out nearer the end of the autumn term.

There will be no other after school clubs running during the autumn term until future notice.

HOLIDAYS AND QUARANTINE.... Coronavirus regulations mean that you must self-isolate for 14 days if you arrive in the UK from a country outside the common travel area. If you travel abroad during the school holidays you will need to be aware that you MIGHT need to isolate depending on the country you have visited before your child can return to school. With children returning on Mon 7th Sept, this would mean you would need to be back in the country by the end of Sunday 23rd August for the 14 day period of isolation to take place.

You can find up to date guidance on which countries have travel corridors, which countries are except and which countries would mean you would need to isolate. The guidance does change so we urge parents to keep up with the latest information.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

If your child or someone in your household has Covid symptoms...

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works#people-who-developsymptoms-of-coronavirus>

We want to remind families that if children or a member of the household has Covid related symptoms your child **SHOULD NOT** come to school. You should isolate and book a test for your child and members of the household as soon as you are able. We encourage all families to engage positively with the test and trace government initiative.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

If your child develops Covid related symptoms whilst they are at school...

If this happens we will contact parents as a matter of urgency and parents will need to collect children from the school as quickly as they can. This is in line with DfE / PHE guidance.

I promise that we will continue to work very hard to ensure we support every individual family on your return to some sort of normality.

I want to say one final and quite emotional, THANK YOU to you all for your continued patience and support.

Look forward to seeing you all and especially welcoming our new Year 3 children and families.

Kind regards

Mrs M. Jay

Headteacher