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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of my first year as Head of Netherfield I am immensely proud of our children, who continue to amaze me with their resilience and humour regardless of age. It's fair to say that their achievements feel very much our reward and it has been a real pleasure to get to know them and you.

Before I move onto plans for September, I would like to thank the Governors of the school, many of whom are parents, for their support this year and a huge thanks to all of Netherfield's staff who have kept the children central to their thoughts and actions at all times.

September Opening

We have taken the opportunity over the last week to accelerate plans for a full return of all children, including many new to Netherfield, on Thursday 3rd September.

Children will essentially be in a normal sized primary classes, which for us at our maximum could be 31, however there are activities where children could be in smaller groups based on their educational need. For example, working in our lodge, there will be a small group of 3 or 4 children or we may have a phonics groups that takes children from two classes of the same year group and would be around 10 children maximum.

A broad and balanced curriculum will be taught across all years but we have increased the time for PSHE (which includes emotional health and well-being), which will focus on how are children are feeling, what concerns them and how we can support and help, as I know it will be very different after a lengthy absence. This extra time will remain for the entire autumn term and will be reviewed again in December.

I am asking for all parents to buy their children a small amount of equipment, I would be grateful if all children can come back with a **water bottle (we will add a sticky label for their names), then for Y3 through to Y6, a pen, a pencil and a ruler.** I know already that the majority of you do this anyway, so thank you in advance for this. Children can bring this equipment, a coat, a packed lunch if required and all of it can be placed in their bags. Children should not bring in any toys or extra equipment from home.

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School uniform is required, so again I would be grateful if parents would source this and endeavour to make sure that children are sorted with this. Orders for jumpers and cardigans with the Netherfield logo can be placed via Parentmail. We have yet to work out how we teach PE and how children prepare for this, it is likely that on days that children have PE they will be allowed to wear that clothing all day. I will let you know the arrangements for this closer to September and nobody will need PE kit for the first two days back, so we have some time to further plan for this.

The School Day

It has been necessary to stagger the start and finish times of the school day, the year group and the start and finish times are show on the next page. The guidance from the Government advises us to reduce the chances of parents mixing during drop off and pick up, therefore we have created two loops around the school site to make this possible. The map enclosed shows you your route and we ask that only 1 parent completes a drop off and that parents come at the time stated. I realise this may mean a slightly longer walk but if like me you try and get those steps up to 10,000 this will help. I'd appreciate it if all parents will follow the routes.

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time
Year 1 / Year 5	830am	300pm
CAT / F1 / F2 / Y3 / Y4	845am	315pm
Y2 / Y6	900am	330pm

All classrooms have hand washing facilities and there will be additional breaks for children to keep washing their hands, as well as lidded bins for tissues. This has been in place throughout and will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

We have additional cleaning taking place during the school day and this will remain in place during the autumn term.

Breakfast club will operate as described in a previous communication and if you need to book your child into this club, then please contact school through the usual email address

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Lunchtime Arrangements

The main hall will be used for lunches. It has been necessary to have 4 sittings to manage numbers and bubbles and our lunch staff will remain on the whole with the same group of children throughout. We have been operating on sandwiches only for the last few weeks, however a near full

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service will operate from September onwards. This has been planned to operate following the Government guidance with enhanced cleaning and separation of year groups.

The school office

In September the school office will continue to operate in a reduced capacity and we ask that parents avoid coming into the school office, if possible. The best way to contact the school will remain via phone or email and visiting the school should only be completed by arrangement or in case of an emergency. Only one parent at a time will be allowed in at a time due to the size of the reception area.

Summer Arrangements

We are planning to prepare the school in the first week of the summer holidays, we will be monitoring emails for that week but for the middle four weeks we will be shutting down the site and the monitoring of emails will be limited. There will be no phone service for between 31 July and 24 August.

During the last week of the summer holidays the school will re-open and I plan to offer the opportunity for parents and children to visit the school (it will be empty), if parents are very concerned about their child coming back. This will be in the form of a meet and greet with myself or another senior member of staff and we will need parents / children to take precautionary measures in regard to hygiene and social distancing.

We will also make a video of the school and put that online so parents can view that with their child first and discuss it as a first point of allaying any anxiety.

We have tried to capture all of the information in a concise manner, however I am sure that there may well be more questions from parents. If these can be sent in via email, then we can reply and create a frequently asked questions on the school website should there be a need.

Best regards,



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