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Dear All,

Please find below the final updates for this academic year.

First and foremost, I would like to say an enormous thank you to you all for the support and understanding you have shown the school during these unusual times. It has been our relationships with all of you and the pupils that have kept us going and also enabled us to do our very best to meet the needs of every member of the school community.

We know this has been an incredibly challenging period and we are delighted to have been able to plan for full reopening in September so that we can see you all again and be in an even stronger position to support the pupils and you as you deserve.

Below is a link which will take you to the Plan and Risk Assessment which the school have worked on ahead of September. I want to be absolutely clear that we consider the safety of your children and all of the staff to be of the highest importance and priority. These are dynamic, working documents which we will continually review and develop in light of new guidance and experiences once back in school. As always, we welcome feedback and in the same way as we have taken on board suggestions regarding transition back to school, if you have any thoughts on these documents or questions you would like to ask then we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please go to our homepage www.héronsdale.co.uk then click on the RED coronavirus updates box to access [September Plan](#) and [Risk Assessment](#)

Additional links to areas on the website which you will find useful are:

- Information regarding the [Recovery Curriculum](#) which we have developed to support pupils from Sept
- [Home Learning page](#) which includes a wealth of information and ideas for over the Summer should you want to use these
- [Assessment](#) information to support interpretation of End of Year Reports

Also, keep an eye on our Facebook Page over the holidays as we will be continuing to populate this.

With regard to September and to ensure you have this information clearly, please see below some key points for your attention:

Timings of the Day:

- For pupils who use school transport, timings of the school day return to normal i.e. 8:30-2:45
- For pupils transported by parents, we would very much appreciate your support in bringing your children at the slightly later time of 9am and collection at 3pm to facilitate social distancing at the start and end of the day (we understand this will not be possible for all but would really be grateful if this could be adhered to as much as possible) – please use the markings in the car park to support social distancing whilst waiting

Entry into the school:

- Staff will continue to collect pupils at the start of the day and deliver pupils back to the entrance at the end of the day – no escorts or staff will be permitted to enter school at these times
- If you need to liaise with a member of staff, please do so by email or phone in the first instance – if it should become necessary for you to come on site then this will need to be by booked appointment only

Transport:

- Will continue to be arranged Geographically and not by class group
- Please continue to direct any queries regarding transport to the transport team but know that school are keeping a database of which children are in contact with others on buses to facilitate Track and Trace

Pupil Attendance:

- School attendance is mandatory again from the beginning of the Autumn Term (HD starts back on Monday 7th September), as such, school will be recording and reporting attendance as it previously did
- Please revisit the school's attendance policy

Home Learning for pupils required to shield, in the event of bubble closures following a positive test being reported or a local lockdown:

- School already have ready bespoke home learning linked to individual PLPs ready to share should this be necessary
- Please see additional notes within the plan for how this would be managed over a longer period

Timetables:

- During the first half term of any school year, Herons Dale reduce transitions around school in order to support pupils settling and getting to know their classes – in that sense, it will be a relatively normal start for our pupils
- Assemblies and clubs which require the pupils mixing will not be taking place



Lunch arrangements:

- The tables and chairs will be wiped down between sittings
- All pupils who bring in packed lunches will be eating in their classes to facilitate social distancing in the hall

Transition:

- If you have any thoughts over the holidays regarding things which would support your child transitioning back to school then please email the school office who will pass the information on and do contact school with any specific concerns or worries if they arise over the holiday period
- Please do use the social stories shared and keep looking back through videos etc. on the Facebook page to support your child feeling good about returning

Symptoms and Testing:

- Please ensure that you access testing should your child present with symptoms of Coronavirus and ensure that you notify school immediately of the result
- Please ensure that school have up to date contact details for you at all times – this should be the case anyway but is of paramount importance relating to track and trace

Uniform:

- From September we would encourage all pupils to attend school in uniform
- Please help us reduce the volume of items coming into the building by encouraging pupils to leave toys etc. at home and only to send in what is essential with your child

I truly hope that you all stay well over the Summer Holiday period and that it's possible for you to achieve some relaxation.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,



Isabel Robson
Headteacher

