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Dear Parents

Arrangements for returning to school in September

We are looking forward to children returning to school full-time in class bubbles comprising the whole cohort (approximately 30 children in each class thereby forming their own class 'bubble') in September. Please be aware that school attendance will be mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from 2nd September the usual rules on school attendance will apply.

In order to facilitate the return to school for Years 1 – 6 on **Wednesday 2nd September 2020** and to comply with government guidelines, we shall continue to operate a staggered start and end to the school day.

Timings:

Years 5 & 6 - 8:40am – 3:00pm (Parent to leave children at main gates to the school in the morning. Pick-up from wooden Key Stage 2 gates at the end of the day.)

Years 3 & 4 - 9:00am – 3:20pm (Parent to leave children at the key stage 2 wooden gates in the morning. Pick-up from wooden Key Stage 2 gates at the end of the day.)

Year 2 – 9:10am – 3:30pm (Parent to leave children at the top of the path in the morning. Pick-up from wooden Key Stage 2 gates.)

Year 1 - 9:10am – 3:30pm (Parent to leave children at the top of the playground. Pick-up from wooden Key Stage 2 gates.)

Reception – 8:50am – 3:15pm (Parent to leave children at the pencil gate to the Foundation Stage area.)

Siblings to be dropped-off and picked-up together with the first sibling in e.g. siblings in Year 1 and Year 6 would both be dropped-off at 8:40am and picked-up at 3:00pm.

For this to continue to work successfully, it is **imperative** that parents and children arrive and leave the site promptly at the allocated times. We would ask that you observe the social distancing

markings on the school site at all times and that only one parent drops-off or picks-up. We have to limit the number of people on site and thank you for your understanding. We would also ask that you please do not remain around the entrance to the site as we will have many more children in school than we have had up to this point and we must adhere to government guidelines around social distancing. We are sorry that, at this time, we are unable to allow parents into the school building with the exception of the new Reception parent meetings which are happening at the beginning of term.

Lunches:

Our cook Amanda will be back in school in September and will be offering grab bags*, prepared on site, available to all children. As part of our Risk Assessment for the full re-opening of school, we have had to consider the mixing of class bubbles and therefore we are currently unable to use the hall as a dining room. Children will eat in classrooms; hence we are continuing to ask that children only have packed lunches that they either bring in themselves or are provided by the school.

We would remind you that **ALL** children in Reception, Year 1 and year 2 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals, so this will be provided at no cost. Children may also bring in their own packed lunches but we would ask that all contents can be disposed of and are in a disposable bag. This will be reviewed at the end of September when we will consider whether or not it is feasible to offer hot lunches again. Please remember that we have a **NO NUT** policy in school, which must be adhered to at all times – this includes many chocolate spreads and cereal bars so please do check the ingredients. We have children in school who have serious nut allergies, so we appreciate your compliance.

*Grab bags comprise a sandwich with a choice of filling, fruit, home-made biscuit or cake, fresh yoghurt and crisps for Key Stage 1. For Key Stage 2, the sandwich will be replaced with a baguette.

Uniform:

We expect all children to be in full school uniform (either summer or winter). On days when your child is doing P.E. and/or Forest School they should come to school in their P.E. kit and remain in it all day. Please ensure that your child has P.E. kit suitable for outdoor P.E. as all sessions will be taking place outside e.g. tracksuit bottoms, sturdy trainers and sweatshirts/hoodies. Class teachers will let you know P.E. days in September.

Equipment:

Reception & Year 1 – book bags, water bottle, wellies (to stay in school) and coat.

Year 2 – book bags, pencil case containing key stationery items, water bottle, wellies (to stay in school) and coat.

Years 3-6 – pencil case containing key stationery items, water bottle, wellies (to stay in school) and coat. Please note that lockers will not be in use so we would ask that children **DO NOT** bring bags into school as there will not be space for them.

Transition information:

On your child's current class page, you will now find some transition information from their new class teachers. We would encourage you to look at this with your child in preparation for their return to school in September. If your child has not returned to school since March, please also look

on the Video Resource Centre under the Children tab on the website to view the videos about entering and exiting the school site.

Class email addresses:

With immediate effect, class email addresses will no longer be in use. All emails should be sent to the main school email address – cheapsidecofe@rbwm.org.uk. In the event of another lockdown, we will reactivate these.

Have a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back in September. Please note that the school office will not be open over the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely

Cheapside School SLT