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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure you will have heard on the news that schools are to continue with their plans for opening tomorrow. So tomorrow we will open as usual for our key worker and vulnerable children but we also invite our year 6s back.

I have put a short video on Facebook and on the school website showing some of the changes we have made in school so returning children know what to expect.

A few reminders that I sent out previously:

- Yr 6 are 8.45am - 3.15pm (full time only)
- Keyworker/vulnerable groups - 8.55am until 3.30pm (unless part-time)
- Please drop off and collect your child promptly. Please do not stay and chat in the playground.
- Children will be met in the playground by a teacher tomorrow morning so they know which class to go into. FSU to head to FSU classrooms.
- No parents to enter the classrooms or patio areas.
- Parents can go to the office but please queue outside if necessary and only enter one at a time.
- School uniform is to be worn with trainers.
- No bags, pencil cases, PE kit or toys from home to be brought in only lunch, snack, water bottle to be sent in, all clearly named please.
- Lunch can be ordered through ParentPay before 8.00am unless you are in receipt of the school vouchers.
- If it is hot please make sure your children are wearing sun cream and a named hat.
- If your child has any Covid-19 symptoms they must not come into school. Any developing symptoms during the school day will be isolated and sent home asap.

The children will all be in small groups and assigned at least two members of staff, usually one full time and the other a part-time teaching assistant. The children and staff cannot move across groups. This means that with the national track and trace system, staff and families could be contacted to say they need to self-isolate for 14 days. Any staff developing symptoms can have a test but I am aware if a teacher were to suddenly be contacted and unable to come into school potentially we would have to ring parents to say none of the children in that group can come in as we cannot move staff in from another group. Hopefully, that will not happen but I want parents to be aware it is a possibility. It is a concern for all schools but something that we all hope won't happen.

Thank you to those yr6 parents who have already told us if your child is not returning to school. Any other yr. 6s not returning can parents please phone before 9am tomorrow morning, you can leave a message on the answer machine so we are not having to contact you.

As always we will keep you informed of any changes and hope to be able to invite more children back as guidance changes.

Best wishes
Nicky Taylor-Bashford

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