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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Sock Olympics have been going really well and it has been lovely to have photos and results emailed in showing the children taking part at home.

This week we emailed out the new teacher letters with information about the zoom meetings. The children in school will be taking part in these and it would be lovely if we had as many children from home join as well. It is a good opportunity for the children to hear about next term and allay any anxieties.

As you will have seen on the news, the government has released new guidance for schools on opening in September. We are going through it all carefully to ensure we have measures in place so all children can return.

Guidance could change but currently the key points are:

- All children can return in September.
- All children will be in their normal whole class groups.
- Class groups will be part of bubbles across year groups. Class groups can mix within their bubbles but not across bubbles.
- Whole school mixing will be kept at a minimum – no whole school assemblies or large gatherings.
- Frequent handwashing and hygiene will remain a priority.
- Break times and lunchtimes might need to be staggered.
- We are hoping not to have to have staggered start and finish times but to use different entrances and exits instead.
- Reducing the number of people in school. Parents are still to drop off in the playground and not enter the school and leave the grounds promptly.
- After School Club and Breakfast Club will start again but will need to be booked in advance on ParentPay – details will be sent out before the end of term.
- Any child or adult with symptoms of COVID must not come into school. If any symptoms develop during the day the child or adult will be sent home immediately.
- Should a child or adult test positive for COVID then the bubble will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

We will send out more details as necessary but at the moment please be assured we are putting everything in place to have all the children back in their usual classes with After School and Breakfast Club running from the beginning of the Autumn Term.

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support  
Nicky Taylor-Bashford

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