



HIGH STREET PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know we are starting the new term on Monday 7th September and we are all looking forward to seeing our families and children return to school.

To ensure we are opening in the safest way possible there will be some adjustments to our routines. I can understand that this is inconvenient for some families but please be assured that we have worked hard to meet government and Reach South guidance whilst also considering the needs of our families wherever possible.

Children will remain in 'bubbles' but these will now be larger groups of children who will work and play in distanced groups/separate buildings to make sure we avoid mass gatherings and uphold standards of cleanliness. Each 'bubble' will arrive at school at a slightly different times and use different entrances so that staff can escort the children into school safely. Upon entry to the school, the children will be shown the poster (attached) and we will use the health questions to ensure pupils and families are safe and well before they can enter the site.

All resources the children need will be provided and they SHOULD NOT bring pencil cases or items from home apart from a coat, PE kit, water bottle, a snack and their lunch (if not having a school dinner). We will still send reading books home with the children and the new arrangements for swapping these will be shared by class teachers. For the first week, we will focus on helping the children to get back into routines and making sure that they know how to move around school, observe standards of hygiene and stay safe generally.

To minimise the risk of infection from visitors we will be restricting who we will allow onto the school site. Parents will be asked to remain outside the gates and only visit the office if absolutely necessary. All appointments/communication with school staff will be made via email, phone or video call and, at this time, staff are unable to discuss any issues at drop off or pick up times due to the need to escort children on and off site in the allocated time slots. We appreciate that many parents will have queries and want to pass on information and all staff are more than happy to call or email before and after school daily if needed.

We completely understand that there will be some anxiety within our community about the return of the children to High Street but I would again like to reassure you that many risk assessments have been completed and there has been an extremely rigorous process to ensure the safe opening of our school. All staff are very much looking forward to seeing the children return and we have lots of exciting things planned for the new academic year. Please make sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and the school website for further information. As soon as it is safe, we will start to invite our lovely families back into school to share our children's successes and their learning.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 7th.

Kind regards

Mrs Steph Blake

Interim Head Teacher