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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are at the point that I am writing to you about the proposed plans for September. This year has certainly been different and not one I want to repeat in a hurry!!

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement that schools are on track to open to all year groups on the 2nd September, I am writing to you with our plan to make this possible.

Our main priority is the safety of our children, yourselves and our staff. How we keep everyone safe within our school, is our biggest concern.

It states in the DfE Guidance that '*Schools can look to implement year group sized 'bubbles. Whatever the size of group, they should be kept apart from other groups where possible. We recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group*'. Our groups are now going to be year groups to enable us to welcome back all our children in September. We are going to be operating a staggered drop off/pick up to ensure our year groups are not mixing with other year groups, we will also be operating a staggered lunch rota as well as playtimes. It is **VITAL** that parents adhere to their time slot to support us in keeping everyone safe.

We will be operating a one way system whilst parents are dropping off and picking up. Parents will enter through the main school gates, stand on a marker on the yard which are all 2 metres apart and exit using the gate on the yard, they will then follow the path and exit the school grounds using the staff carpark. To ensure the safety of all our parents there will be **no cars allowed access during the AM drop off or PM pick up times**, even if they have a pass. Anyone with a disability permit will have to wait until the last parent has exited the school safely before they can access the school grounds.

Entry and exit to our school is via the pedestrian path near the main car park only. Parents are not to use the service road as this forms part of a one way system for the Junior School. Any families with siblings in Ryhope Junior School must walk around and use their one way system.

Attendance

'School attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the Autumn term' – DfE Guidance for full opening – schools

We expect all children back in school full time from Wednesday 2nd September, 2020.

Our current proposed plan is;

- **Nursery**
 - AM 8.30 – 11.30. Drop off and pick up will be on the school yard nearest the nursery (not the nursery outdoor area)
 - PM 12.30 – 15.30 Drop off and pick up will be on the school yard nearest the nursery (not the nursery outdoor area)

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We are very aware that our children in Reception have not had a transition into their new school therefore we are using the 3 days of the first week, Wednesday 2.09.20 to Friday 04.09.20, as a transition period. Your child will be attending an AM PM session where they will be working in a smaller group, getting to know their teacher, becoming familiar with their classroom and the school environment. After this (week beginning Monday 07.09.20) your child will be full time in school.

- **Reception**

- Wednesday 2nd Drop off 9.15 on the school yard, pick up 12.00 at the back door
- Thursday 3rd Drop off 9.15 on the school yard, pick up 12.00 at the back door
- Friday 4th Drop off 9.15 on the school yard, pick up 12.00 at the back door

- **Reception**

- Wednesday 2nd Drop off 12.30 at the back door, pick up 15.15 on the school yard
- Thursday 3rd Drop off 12.30 at the back door, pick up 15.15 on the school yard
- Friday 4th Drop off 12.30 at the back door, pick up 15.15 on the school yard

- **Reception from Monday 7th September**

- 9.15 Drop off on the main school yard, pick up 15.00 on main school yard

- **Year 1**

- 9.00 Drop off on the main yard, pick up 15.15 on the main yard

- **Year 2**

- 8.45 Drop off on the main yard, pick up 15.30 on the main yard

Breakfast Club and After School Care

Unfortunately, there will be no provision for breakfast club or After School Care as we are advised not to mix groups. We will keep you up dated as and when the guidance changes.

Afterschool clubs

We will inform you when the clubs are up and running.

Other elements of the plan following the guidance are;

- Strictly **one** adult per family can accompany children to the site at any one time, ideally this will be the same adult each day.
- There will be no collective gatherings including assemblies. Lunchtime and playtimes will be staggered.
- Children will remain in the same group at all times each day, and different groups will not mix during the day, or on subsequent days.
- Regular handwashing throughout the day.
- Regular cleaning of surfaces in the classroom and outdoor resources.
- If there are siblings in Ryhope Junior School and the drop off/pick up times clash, please speak to a member of staff to arrange alternative times

I know that many parents and family members will still have worries, concerns and lots questions regarding children returning to school. I hope this letter gives everyone further clarification regarding our return to school plan.

Thank you for your continued support at this very difficult and challenging time.

Kind regards

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