***“Growing and Learning Together with God.”***

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Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Back to School – Monday 8th March**

We are thrilled to be able to have all children back in school on Monday and look forward to some ‘normality’ after these long, difficult months.

However, we do still have all the Covid rules and regulations in place and would like to remind you of procedures we followed in September 2020 :

*Entrances and Exits*

**Sharks** will go in through the gates via Old School Lane (please remember that NO parents should drive or park down this lane).

**Stingrays** and **Seahorses** will use the main entrance, with Seahorses lining up on the left facing the school and Stingrays on the right facing the school.

**Sticklebacks**, **Minnows** and **Tiddlers** will all use the staff car park entrance and will be met by members of staff. Exit will be the same in reverse.

*Timings*

The school gates will open for all children at 8.40am and will be closed at 8.50am. Collection will be at 3.10pm (for Early Years) and 3.15pm for everyone else.

It is compulsory to wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting children and please note that no parents will be allowed on the school site.

*Classrooms*

The classrooms will remain in ‘bubbles’ so that contact with other children in school is kept to a minimum and extra handwashing at regular points in the day will continue.

One can bring in PE bags, lunch boxes (if not on school dinners), drinks bottles, coats and hand sanitiser should you wish. **No pencil cases** or **personal equipment** should be brought into school as these will be provided.

*Lunches*

Lunches will be held within the class ‘bubble’ in the school hall at a given time. Hot dinners will be provided by Fresh Start for those wishing to take up this offer (not Nursery children). All school dinners through Fresh Start should have been booked by parents/guardians prior to the start of school, as per their deadline. If this deadline was missed you MUST come in to school with a packed lunch in the first week back.

*Wrap Around Care*

Breakfast Club and After School Club will be starting with children in consistent ‘bubbles’. Please contact the office if you have queries about Breakfast Club, and Lisa Mooney for After School Club. Further information for each will then be provided.

*Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities*

Sports clubs and all other activities such as music lessons (Music4Schools, The Musical Box, iRock) will start after Easter in the Summer Term.

*Bus Transport*

The school bus will be running as normal. Please let the office know if your child intends to use the bus for transport home and advise them of the days used.

*Covid Testing*

As per Government guidelines NO testing will take place in primary schools and therefore we will not be testing your children at any stage. Staff will continue to take lateral flow tests twice a week and if one of them returns a positive result they will need to self-isolate for 10 days and book a PCR test to confirm the result. This means that the bubble they work in will **close with immediate effect** and your child will also need to self-isolate for 10 days. We would advise you of this as soon as possible. In the event of any bubble closures remote learning will continue.

Please also remember that, should your child develop any Covid symptoms, he/she should not come in to school and a test be arranged immediately.

If you do have any further queries, please contact the office via email or phone. Thank you all for your support over the last few months; we look forward to the rest of the year being exciting, active, and positive for all.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Hart

*Headteacher*