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26th August, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a lovely holiday so far. As we look forward to the start of a new school year, I am writing to let you know in advance how school will operate.

COVID-19 Measures

The children will remain in their class bubbles with very limited movement around school as before. Lunchtimes and playtimes will be staggered to reduce contact between bubbles. Within their bubbles, children will be able to work together and share selected resources. The school has been thoroughly cleaned during the summer holidays and cleaning measures will continue as before with regular disinfecting of touch points during the day. Everyone will maintain thorough/regular handwashing and hand sanitiser will be available throughout school. Resources and equipment will continue to be sterilised each day.

School Uniform and Equipment

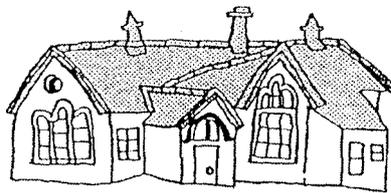
The children will be expected to wear normal school uniform and change for PE as normal. PE kits will be sent home on Fridays to be washed. Book bags can be used and children will be able to take home reading books. Please **do not** put keyrings on book bags. Every child must bring their school water bottle on a Monday. The staff will empty and refill the children's water bottles each day and send them home on a Friday for a thorough wash. Children can bring trainers to change into for playtimes.

Lunches

Orian will provide hot meals which will be served to the children in the hall by the staff. There will be two sittings to enable social distancing and staggered playtimes. Please ensure that you order your child's meal via Lunchshop **BEFORE 9am** on Mondays. Packed lunches will also be eaten in the hall. Please look at the Packed Lunch policy on the school's website for ideas for healthy lunches.

Multi Kids Club

We will be running Breakfast and After School Club but will be restricted to prevent children from different bubbles coming into contact with one another. To this end we ask if you could only use Breakfast and After School Club if it is **ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL**. To book places please contact the school office via email or telephone. Drop off for Breakfast Club and pick up for After School Club will both be through the red door into the hall.



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Staggered Start/Finish to the Day

The one way system around the outside of school will continue. We will continue to operate a staggered start and finish to the school day as before, but the times have changed. Please try to stick as close as possible to the allocated time to minimise contact. As before, children in classes 3 and 4 will need to be dropped off at the small school gate and picked up at the gate in Church Lane. Only one family member should enter the school site to drop off and pick up children from Class 1 and 2 external doors and younger siblings must hold an adult's hand. If you have more than one child at school, please drop off at the latest time and collect at the earliest time. If you arrive late you must come to the main entrance door so that you child can be registered. If you would like to speak to a member of staff, please do not hesitate to contact school to make an appointment.

Start of the Day

Class 4 8.45am
Class 3 8.50am
Class 2 8.55am
Class 1 9am

End of the Day

Class 1 3.15pm
Class 2 3.20pm
Classes 3 and 4 3.25pm

New Starters

We are very excited to welcome our new starters to a freshly decorated Class 1! In lieu of their transition days the reception children are having a taster day next week so that they can find their feet in small groups before starting full time the week after (beginning 7th September). Our nursery children will be starting the following week (beginning 14th September).

I appreciate that this is another lengthy letter with lots of information to digest but these procedures worked really well when we reopened school. Can I also take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

If you do need to contact school please email or telephone: admin@plumpton.cumbria.sch.uk 01768 894247.

Yours sincerely,
S.L. Penny
Head teacher