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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming all children back to Unsworth next week and we are also looking forward to welcoming our new Reception class. Our Before and After School Club will be operating from Monday as normal, with parents dropping off and picking children up from the main entrance door. All children **start school on Monday 6th September**. We are working to new government guidelines from the start of term and we have completed both a revised Risk Assessment and Contingency Plan in case of outbreaks or changes in circumstance such as National or Local lockdowns. Both these documents can be view on our website on our Coronavirus information page, which is located under the key information tab.

The main change for schools is that the previous system of bubbles has been removed. This means that if there is a positive case within a class, the entire class will not be sent home, as children and adults who are double vaccinated are exempt from isolation after close contact. Instead, children and adults will be advised to get a PCR test. Whilst waiting for the results, self-isolation does not apply and children/adults can still come in to school. However, self-isolation does apply if someone has symptoms, so if an adult or child is sent home from school with symptoms, they must get a test and self-isolate for 10 days unless the results are negative.

Although the wearing of face coverings is no longer within guidance and bubbles have been removed, the contingency plan sets out when these may have to be reintroduced as further enhanced protective measures. As we are still experiencing the pandemic, we will still be limiting access to the school building and the general school site during the autumn term, unless a prearranged appointment has been made via the school office or a Covid secure event has been planned. We will be working closely with Oak Learning Partnership, the Local Authority and our PTA to re-establish physical events as the term progresses.

Crucially, the Health and Safety of all of our pupils, staff and wider community is of paramount importance and we must all continue to work together to ensure that if anyone is unwell or has any symptoms relating to Covid 19, the appropriate procedures are followed. Any child or adult with symptoms will be sent home to go for a PCR test and on the verification of a negative result will be allowed back into school.

On the next page of this letter you will find an overview table of key information relating to our return to school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of myself and the staff for your continuing support. We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our children back and working together as a community.

Yours Sincerely

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Frequently asked questions	Key Information
<p>How will the start of the school day work?</p> <p>(8.50-9.00am)</p>	<p>The pedestrian gate will open at 8.50am and children will continue going straight to their class to get started on their morning tasks. Staff will still ensure children wash/sanitise their hands and this will also be done throughout the day to continue to reinforce the enhanced hygiene measures that were introduced in school last academic year.</p> <p>Reception parents can continue to take their children to class and initially Year 1 parents may also do this as children start to build up their independence on the return to school. Additional staff will be on the playground next week as children get used to going through their new class doors.</p> <p>The pedestrian gate will close at 9.00am and any children arriving at school after this time will need to go to the main entrance to be signed in by the admin team.</p>
<p>How will the end of the school day work?</p> <p>(3.30pm)</p>	<p>There will be a specific area on the playground for each class for the end of day pick up, which is at 3.30 for all classes. The school gates will not be opened earlier than 3.30, as we will aim for classes to be outside ready to be picked up.</p> <p>The pedestrian gate should be used to enter the playground and the large double green gates used to exit the playground so that we continue a one-way flow of children/adults. It would also be helpful if we continue this down Blackley Close so that people leaving school walk down the pavement on the right-hand side. We would ask that parents don't arrive earlier than the collection time, maintain social distancing where possible and leave promptly once children have been collected, unless speaking to a member of school staff.</p>
<p>Can my child bring a back pack?</p>	<p>As highlighted in my July uniform letter, Children should not bring back packs to school of any form. All children should only bring a book bag style bag to carry their reading book and homework in. The only other items children should bring to school are a water bottle and a lunch box.</p>
<p>What PE kit should my child wear?</p>	<p>School PE kits should be worn on PE days for children from Y1-Y6 and the only item that should be left in cloak rooms is a pair of pumps for indoor PE. This allows us to ensure that items in cloak rooms are kept to a minimum.</p>
<p>Can my child bring a pencil case?</p>	<p>All children have their own equipment provided by the school so do not need to bring a pencil case.</p>
<p>Will children be part of whole school assemblies and will parents be able to watch assemblies?</p>	<p>We will be re-establishing whole school assemblies this term and aiming to reintroduce class assemblies for parents. These will take a slightly different form, with them taking place on a Friday morning and the class will just perform the assembly for parents and not the whole school.</p>
<p>When can I meet the class teacher?</p>	<p>Next week details about our "Meet the Teacher" sessions will be sent out and class teachers will also be providing updates through Parent Hub about key information relating to their class. Class webpages contain the details of when PE takes place and other key information. These can be found under the children tab. Class teachers will also be available on the playground at the end of the school day.</p>
<p>Will there be any extra-Curricular Clubs?</p>	<p>We are currently putting together our extra-curricular offer, as we start to reintroduce after school clubs. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks about this aspect of our curriculum offer.</p>

