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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Opening Procedures - Tuesday 8th September

I hope this letter finds you safe and well and enjoying the summer. The staff and I are rested and excited to be seeing you again next week.

Since my last letter, I just wanted to refresh your memory with regards to the procedures for drop off and pick up from school.

On our website, each teacher has posted a short video clip, which shows you where to drop your child each morning and where they can be collected at the end of the day. At the end of this letter, there is a copy of the plan, which has the specific times for your child's year group. The different times are designed to enable us to maintain the social distancing of adults and to ensure the children stay within their 'Bubbles' as per the guidance. The staggered times may mean that you have a short wait if you have children in different year groups. To avoid crowds, we will ask you to wait off-site or perhaps to go for a short stroll to support us.

As you will appreciate there are 800 children at Gladstone Road Primary School, so the procedures for drop off and pick up are going to be a logistical challenge for all of us! This is the really important bit as we are relying heavily on your support. **Please ensure that you are on time and in the right place at the start and end of the school day.** We appreciate that you may have children who need dropping off/collecting from different points of the school, but your swiftest response will be very much appreciated – we are setting you this challenge! It is going to take all of us a few days to become familiar with the procedures, but as long as we work together we will overcome any problems I am sure.

Here are a few important points for you to familiarise yourself with in preparation for returning to school:

- Only 1 adult should drop off/pick, up to reduce the number of people around school. With one adult, all of the children and staff, there will be up to 1700 people to organise! Parents will not be admitted onto the school grounds at the start of the day to keep a smooth flow, minimise your waiting time and to disperse crowds. Staff will meet and greet your child at the designated year group area. We have also implemented designated collection zones at the end of the school day. This information is on the back of this letter – please familiarise yourself with it as you will need to know the plan for your child on the first day back.
- If you need help or if your child is understandably reluctant to come into school after such a long absence, please seek help from a member of available staff who is not processing children through the gates. We will make sure there are plenty of us around at the start and end of the day to support you in any way and to answer your questions.
- Children should be in full school uniform. On days when your child has PE, they are to come to school in their PE kit and trainers. No change of clothes is required. This is to help with the logistics



as changing rooms will not be used. It will also minimise the items that children are bringing into school as per the Government advice. PE lessons will start on day 1.

- Cloakrooms are out of action to avoid crowds of children congregating and to support our new cleaning regimes. As the children will be storing their belongings at their desks, **please do not send your child in with a bulky rucksack**. All they will need is a water bottle, lunch and their reading book. No pencil cases please as all equipment is provided and cleaned in school.
- Unfortunately, we are not going to be able to offer a hot school lunch straight away, until we have worked out how we can do this safely. A separate letter was sent regarding the packed lunch option we are able to offer as in on the website. We have an exciting new menu coming, with a wide variety of options, including vegetarian meals and a self-service salad bar. As soon as we can provide this, we will.
- If your child develops symptoms, whilst at school, they will be sent home immediately and you will be supported to have them tested for Coronavirus and given instructions of how the family should isolate to reduce the risk of spreading the infection. We will use our common sense and the experience that we have developed since March, to work with you when deciding if we feel your child has true symptoms. These decisions will not be taken lightly and will be in full consultation with parents/carers. For example, we are able to sensitively isolate children from their Bubble, so that we can keep them under observation before making any decisions.
- If your child or a household member develops symptoms at home, please do not send your child to school. Simply contact us and we will support you with what to do next.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you back. I know we can rely on your continued support to enable us to do this safely by following the points detailed above. Your support is a constant reassurance for us.

On our website, there are photos and information about each staff member, so that you can get to know us all a little better. We will also be adding details of our exciting new curriculum and facilities, which we have put in place whilst being in lockdown. Please do not worry about the future. In the first few weeks our focus will be:

- Settling everybody back into a school routine.
- Building up the children's confidence, resilience and re-establishing friendships.
- Gauging where the children are in terms of their learning, then building on top of the knowledge and skills that they have retained.
- Supporting children to re-establish their positive attitudes to learning and independence.
- Back-filling any gaps in knowledge to ensure they swiftly make progress in their learning.

We are ready for you 😊

Best wishes



Mr Garry Johnson
Head Teacher

Plan for September 2020

Bubble	Start of day time	Drop off point	End of day finish time	Collection point
Year 1	8.55am	Lower School Wooler St Gate	2.55pm	Lower School Wooler St Gate
Year 2	9.05am	Lower School Wykeham St Gate	3.05pm	Lower School Wykeham St Gate
Year 3	8.40am	All Weather Pitch At the bottom of the steps near the Cinder Track	3.00pm	All Weather Pitch At the bottom of the steps near the Cinder Track
Year 4	8.50am	Upper School Wooler St Gate	3.10pm	Upper School Wooler St Gate
Year 5	8.50am	All Weather Pitch At the bottom of the steps near the Cinder Track	3.10pm	All Weather Pitch At the bottom of the steps near the Cinder Track
Year 6	9.00am	Upper School Wooler St Gate	3.20pm	Upper School Wooler St Gate

Parents/Carers of EYFS children have received separate information regarding the September start