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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and all your families remain safe and well.

I am going to apologise now for the length of this letter, but it contains essential information that you need to know about the arrangements for the beginning of the autumn term. I suggest you sit down with a cup of tea while you take all of this in.

As we know, these are unprecedented times and for schools they do and will continue to, present us with issues that we need to find solutions for. We can only plan for what we know and at the moment the guidance from the government is that **all children will return to school in September**. This means that from the beginning of the autumn term (**Monday 7th September**) **regular school attendance is once again compulsory**.

To enable this to happen, we have been given a set of guidelines to follow to ensure that everyone who comes into the school is kept as safe as possible. Each school has been charged with creating a system that works for them - the guidance only gives broad areas to follow, as all schools are different. I would ask for your continued support and patience as we move into this new phase of school provision.

We have used the government’s “Guidance for full opening – schools,” DfE, 2 July 2020 as the basis for planning our full re-opening. The full document can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Arrivals and departures at school:

Visitors to the school will be kept to an absolute minimum (speech therapist, EWO etc.) and then only by prior appointment. For the time being parents of children in years 4,5,6, will not be allowed passed the main gate. However, to ensure safeguarding procedures, parents of nursery and reception children will be able to drop their children off at the fenced areas behind their classrooms. Parents of Years 1, 2 and 3 should use the pedestrian gate by the Learning Tree and not go any further that the KS 1 playground fence where a member of staff will collect your children. The table below shows arrival and departure time for each year group and the gate they should enter by.

Class	Arrival		Departure	
	Time	Gate	Time	Gate
Nursery	09.00	King Henry Drive	12.00	King Henry Drive
Reception	08.45	King Henry Drive	14.45	King Henry Drive
Year 1	09.00	Learning Tree	15.15	Learning Tree
Year 2	08.45	Learning Tree	15.00	Learning Tree
Year 3	08.30	Learning Tree	14.45	Learning Tree
Year 4	09.00	Main Gate	15.15	Main Gate
Year 5	08.45	Main Gate	15.00	Main Gate
Year 6	08.30	Main Gate	14.45	Main Gate

It is really, important that parents **are on time** when delivering or collecting their children. If a child arrives late, they will have to wait with their parent until the other scheduled year groups have entered the building, the same will apply when collecting at the end of the day.

We appreciate that these times will not suit everyone and it may mean that parents have to wait outside with one child. We apologise that we can't make arrangements for family groups; our main aim is to keep the integrity of the bubbles intact and adhere to the government's guidance

Groupings/ Bubbles:

We are instructed to keep contacts in school down to a minimum and to enable us to deliver the best provision that we can, we have decided to make each year group a 'bubble' and try to restrict contact between them.

- Children will be escorted to their classes by their class teachers and dismissed in the same way at the end of the day
- There will be grouping of children for some subjects, however, these will only involve children within their bubble
- Each bubble will have their own individual timetable to follow which will minimise contact with other bubbles
- Children in years 1 to 6 will be expected to sit in rows, two to a desk, facing the class teacher (again government advice)
- Intervention and small group support will continue but groups will only be conducted with individuals within a bubble

Breakfast club:

Our breakfast club will be provided as normal, however, we ask that you let the school know by the end of the previous week if your child will be attending breakfast club. Please do this by emailing the school at: bc@rowdown.croydon.sch.uk

or calling the school by Friday afternoon. Children will be expected to arrive at either 7.30am or 8.00 am and on arrival they will be collected by a member of staff from the main gate.

Unfortunately, there will be a limited number of places for each bubble within breakfast club, as we are restricted by space for social distancing. If you require this provision, please inform us as soon as you can.

Play times:

At play times, children will remain in their bubbles and play within a specific cordoned off zone in the playground or field.

Lunchtimes:

At lunchtime, children will eat at staggered times to ensure that we maintain distancing between bubbles. Children who have packed lunches will eat them in their classrooms whilst under the supervision of a member of staff, then they will go out to the playground.

We have decided to use different areas of the school to facilitate these arrangements, with all tables and chairs being wiped down between sittings.

Curriculum and Teaching and Resources:

As a school, we will again be providing a full, broad and balanced curriculum for all pupils. We will also be allowing time for the children to talk freely about their feelings and experiences during the lockdown period and voice their concerns. Our team of mentors, counsellors and TAs who deliver the Dotcom provision, will support any children or adults with their worries.

Uniform;

From September, we will be returning to wearing full school uniform. Should you require any new items of uniform the link below may be of use. See attached for our uniform policy and list.

<http://www.brigade.uk.com>

Equipment:

Children should not bring in their own pencil cases or any other toys, including footballs, to school. Each child will be given their own set of basic stationery (pencils, white board pens, rulers, rubbers etc.) which will be kept in a plastic wallet. Other resources that the class might need during the day will not be shared with other 'bubbles' and will be cleaned at the end of each day.

For safety reasons, we would ask that you do not send your child in with a mobile phone, unless it is absolutely essential. If your child does bring in a phone, it will be handed to the class teacher and wiped down at the beginning of the day then returned at the end of the day.

Our water fountains will not be in use, so children will need to bring in their own water bottle. This should have the child's name on it to ensure there is no confusion.

Reading books will continue to be sent home with your children. When they are returned they will be placed in a box for 72 hours before being re-used.

PE:

PE kit should be brought in as normal.

We have had to make adjustments to this area of our curriculum, as children will not be able to share equipment across bubbles.

We are currently in the process of ordering more PE equipment, which will allow us to provide each bubble with the equipment they need. We have also adjusted our timetable to ensure that no two bubbles will be engaged in the same physical activity at the same time.

Home Learning:

Any home learning that is set, will also be posted on google classroom. It is important that we continue with the impetus that we have created using google classroom as should the need arise to close a bubble or the school, we will be able to continue to teach remotely.

Health and hygiene:

On arrival, all children will have their temperature taken using a hand held 'no touch' thermometer.

The school will also continue with our stringent hand washing policy. As children come into school, they will be asked to wash their hands. This will continue throughout the day, when they come in from play, before they go to lunch, etc.

Hand sanitizer will also be used in every class. From September the government does not recommend the wearing of facemasks by children or staff.

Preventing infections:

At home:

If your child becomes unwell with any of the following symptoms:

- A new continuous cough
- High temperature
- A change in their normal sense of taste or smell

They should not be sent to school and taken immediately to be tested. They cannot return to school until they have a negative result, which will need to be shown to a member of staff.

Should there be a positive result, the child must self-isolate for at least 7 days and all house members must isolate for 14 days.

At School:

Children and staff will be expected to maintain appropriate social distancing at all times.

If anyone presents with Covid 19 symptoms in school, they will be isolated from the other members of their 'bubble' immediately and parents will be contacted for immediate collection. All parents ***must ensure that the school has the most current working telephone number of both the parent and other contact.***

If a child or member of staff tests positive, we will follow the government advice and immediately contact the local health protection team for guidance. Parents will be informed immediately.

I believe that this is all I have for you at this moment in time. As I said at the beginning, things might change, we might be issued with further guidance as the next few weeks go by. Should anything require us to change our procedures, I will let you know before we return to school.

This has been a strange year for everyone and one that people will remember for all kinds of reasons. The one thing I do know is that our families and children are resilient. Working together as much as we can, we will make sure that the children are happy on returning to school and resuming their learning.

This will enable us to continue on our journey to become one of the best schools in New Addington.

Finally, I hope you all have a good summer, enjoy some sunshine and stay safe and well.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Very Best wishes,



John Green

Headteacher

Uniform Policy for children in Reception to Year 6

<p>Girls – Winter Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark grey or black skirt, pinafore or school trousers. NOT Leggings • White shirt, blouse or polo-shirt. • *Blue school sweatshirt or cardigan, with school logo. • White, grey, navy blue or black socks or tights. <p>Not allowed: Leggings</p> <p>Girls – Summer Uniform (optional alternative)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue and white checked dress or culotte style dress. • Dark grey or black tailored school shorts. NOT Leggings 	<p>Boys – Winter Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark grey or black school trousers. NOT joggers • White shirt or polo-shirt. • *Blue school sweatshirt, with school logo. • Grey, navy blue or black socks. <p>Boys – Summer Uniform (optional alternative)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark grey or black tailored school shorts. NOT joggers
<p>P.E. Kit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plain red t-shirt or polo-shirt (*there is also a plain red t-shirt with the school logo available). • Black or navy-blue shorts. • Black or navy blue jogging trousers (girls are also allowed to wear leggings). • A pair of trainers or plimsolls • The P.E. kit should be kept in a P.E. bag. 	
<p>Footwear</p> <p>Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers, which don't have any logos or any other colour on them.</p> <p>Not allowed: Shoes with a sling back, peep toes, high heels or boots.</p>	
<p>Coats</p> <p>Coats should be worn in in cold/wet weather.</p>	
<p>Bags</p> <p>Children should bring a bag to school to carry things between home and school, e.g. their reading book.</p>	
<p>Jewellery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a child has a pierced ear/s, they may wear one plain gold or silver stud per ear. <p>Not allowed: Rings, necklaces or bracelets.</p>	
<p>Hairstyles</p> <p>No extreme hair styles are allowed. If a child's hair is longer than shoulder length, it must be tied back. Any hairbands or other hair accessories, e.g. bows, must be plain blue, grey or black and not overly large.</p>	
<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are not to wear nail-varnish or fake nails to school. • Please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. 	

* - can only be purchased from our uniform supplier: www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com