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Dear Parents/Carers

These last two weeks have certainly felt more like a school and it has been really encouraging to see so many of our children return prior to the start of the Summer holidays and with great big smiles on their faces. A more positive way to end this challenging year!

Thank you again for doing your very best as parents to support your child academically and with their health and wellbeing during these unprecedented times – you too deserve a well-deserved rest!

My final letter of this academic year is to inform you of our full school return in September. The Government has now clearly stated that all children will return in September and attendance registers will resume as of **Thursday, 3rd September 2020.**

In order to prepare the school for our full opening, I will be updating our current COVID-19 risk assessment in line with the latest Government guidance and this will be on the school website upon completion and approval by our Governing body. Here you will find the detail of how we are minimising risk across the school and within a classroom setting, equally adhering to all guidelines that have been stated and information on procedures if we have a case of COVID-19 in school. I do not intend to go into this great detail in this letter but rest assured all relevant precautions are being considered and you will be able to view this document in due course. (I will email the link out on Facebook when live on the website.)

The Government guidance issued on the 2nd July has now stated that we are allowed to have more children within a classroom. As part of our teaching structure, Kingsmoor teach in single year groups in every year during the morning sessions, however upon entry to Key stage 2 (Year 3) this is when the children mix into year groups during the afternoon forming a Year3/4 class (Class 4) a Year 4/5 class (Class 5) and a Year 5/6 class (Class 6.) Ordinarily the children would be told at the end of term which class they would be in for the afternoon sessions.

After discussion with the Governing body, we have decided that **for the first term back, up until Christmas, we will maintain the single year group structure for Key stage 2 during the afternoon sessions as well as the mornings.** Our reasoning for doing this is to limit movement between groups of children and possible spread of infection. Teaching within single year groups will also help the child receive targeted quality teaching time. Intervention groups and support will also be implemented to all year groups with regards to meeting each child's needs and their next steps of learning. **This structure will be reviewed at the end of the Autumn term and updates given to Key stage 2 parents.**

The table below will show you clearly who your child will be taught by and which teaching assistant (s) are in each class. It also states the staggered time of arrival and departure.

Year group/Class	Teacher	Teaching assistant	Arrival time	Departure time
Reception – Class 1	Miss E Mustoe/Mrs Owens	Miss N Bryant Mrs K Mexson	8:50 – When in full time	3:15
Year 1 – Class 2	Mrs R Temple	Mrs A Collard	8:50	3:15
Year 2 – Class 3	Miss R Haines	Mrs Squire and new TA to post	8:50	3:15
Year 3 – Class 4	Mrs K Hicks	Miss E Mills and new TA to post	8:50	3:15
Year 4 – Class 5	Miss R Tucker M/T/W and Thurs am Mrs Jameson (Thursday pm and Friday.)	Mrs W Butcher Mrs K Jameson	9:00	3:30
Year 5 – Middle area	Mr N Thompson	Miss S Mitchell	9:00	3:30
Year 6 – Class 6	Miss M Rundle	Mrs C Sluman	9:00	3:30

Staggered arrival and departure times

As from September there will be two staggered start and finish times depending on which year group your child is in. In the interest of safety we will continue to ask 1 parent to drop off and pick up. However, as there are more year groups arriving at the same time, we will open up the main gates and ask parents to walk to designated drop off/pick up areas which will be located on the drive. Children will line up ready for collection. The class teacher will come out to collect the children from these points every morning. Please keep socially distanced and leave the site promptly upon drop off/collection.

Siblings

Children in Reception, Year 1,2 and 3 will arrive at school for 8:50 and be picked up at 3:15. Older children with a sibling in Reception, Year 1,2 or 3 can also be dropped at 8:50 and picked up at 3:15. The older children should enter their classroom upon arrival where their teacher will be waiting for them. They will be allowed to leave at the earlier time of 3:15 to leave with younger siblings.

School Transport

I have been informed by Somerset County Council that the bus will be running at normal times, for children with an allocated place as from the 3rd September. A member of staff will escort the children from the bus safely and into their classrooms upon arrival. Please can you let the office know if your child will not be travelling on the bus for any reason.

School Office

If you have something to drop off to the school office this can be handed to the class teacher in the morning. If you have a question specific for the office – please can we ask that you ring through on the

land line in the first instance. This is purely to keep the number of adults passing through the site down to a minimum at present.

Uniform

All children should return to school in September with full, correct uniform as per our school handbook. Please ensure everything is labelled. Our lost property box is overflowing which we will go through and return to owners if labelled in September!

What children need to bring with them

Children will be required to bring in a bag which contains their labelled water bottle, packed lunch if required and book bag. The children will also need to have their PE kit in school with them labelled and in their PE bag.

Breakfast club and after school club – In the hall.

Our school breakfast and after school club will start from the first day back Thursday, 3rd September. Breakfast club is open from 8:00am and after school club is available from 3:30 until 5:00pm daily. This provision will involve children mixing with different year groups as is open to the whole school. We will do our best to keep children at a social distance and with children in the same year groups. Please let the office know if you require this provision. If your child finishes their school day at 3:15 and requires after school provision – they will wait in class until 3:30 when they will be collected by the after school leader. **Parents should ring the buzzer when then come to drop off/collect their child and a member of staff will come out to you. Due to COVID-19 the children will be collected and brought out to you to avoid parents entering the site.**

Extra-curricular clubs

For the first few weeks we won't be running any extra-curricular clubs – to avoid further mixing of children and to monitor the return to school for all pupils. We hope to offer more clubs as soon as we feel confident to do so.

PFSA/ELSA sessions – Health and wellbeing

Upon our return to school, the teaching staff will be focussing on all children's mental health and general well-being. Within school we have a parental, family support assistant who is with us every Wednesday – Mrs Jean Scott. We also have two ELSAs – (Emotional, literacy support assistants – Mrs Butcher and Miss Mitchell.) If you feel you may need support with managing emotions, have suffered bereavement within your family, are finding parenting challenging or have concerns with regards to your child socially and emotionally – please do discuss this with your class teacher in the first instance and we will do what we can to support in these areas.

PE coaches

Our PE coaches, Mr Irish and Mr Headaux will be back in school taking PE sessions when we return. Please ensure all kit is labelled and in school for every session.

BAM Hot lunches

Universal free school meals will be available from 3rd September for all children in Class 1,2 and 3. (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and children in Key Stage who are receipt of Free school meals. Lunchtimes are being staggered to avoid year groups mixing in the hall. Children will remain with their Year group at all times during the day.

Menus for other Key Stage 2 children who would also like a hot school meal will be distributed when we return to school and will re-commence week beginning the 21st September.

Playtimes

Playtimes will now be staggered so there are less children outside at one time and so that each year group can play in their own area without mixing with other groups. Staff will encourage social distancing amongst the children however we appreciate that some children will find this extremely challenging. Any playground equipment used will be cleaned after use.

Assemblies – whole school/communal events

Unfortunately we will not be able to group children all together in large gatherings at this point. We have decided that we will still do assemblies each week but these will be conducted virtually via Zoom!

The curriculum

Teachers are currently reviewing the teaching which has been missed during this last term and how this can be addressed when the children return in September. Attached to this letter is a short feedback form which will inform your class teacher how your child has progressed during lockdown and also gives you the opportunity to share any concerns or learning opportunities which you feel would be beneficial for us to know. We would be grateful if you could email this back to school upon completion by the 3rd September using the Homelearning email.

We will be identifying key areas where your child may need extra support and where required, extra provision will be put into place. Focussed intervention work and the teaching of extra phonics, reading and spelling will be key for all children. So continued reading during the holidays would be great!!

It will continue to be extremely important to us that we keep our curriculum broad and balanced – enabling the children to experience a full range of learning opportunities and a full range of subjects.

Friday activities, Mystery Mondays, Forest school will still happen but we will avoid mixing groups in the short term.

At this point I am unclear if/when Chilton swimming pool will open so I will update you on this when further information is received.

The blogs/Homelearning email and website

The Year group blogs on the website have worked brilliantly during lockdown and the teaching staff are very keen for this forum to continue. If we have to enter another period of lockdown upon our return to school this will be the way teachers continue to communicate with parents and continue to provide provision for your child to access at home. Home learning packs will also be available for collection if required. Staff will also be undertaking training in Google classroom which may also prove beneficial. The Homelearning email and class blogs are now currently closed for the holidays and we will give you updates on how this system will be used when we return in September.

We are extremely pleased with how well the home learning system has been implemented and feel it has been beneficial to parents, children and staff. **Please look out for a Governor update over the next few weeks which will be asking for parental feedback on how Kingsmoor have supported children and families during lockdown – we really would appreciate your feedback and any suggestions you may have!**

The Kingsmoor code and behavioural expectations

Once back in September we will announce the launch of our new Behaviour policy which staff and governors were working on before lockdown. Covid-19 has prompted an addendum to this policy which stresses the importance of washing hands when asked to do so, avoiding physical contact with other children, a key focus on personal hygiene – not spitting and trying to social distance when asked to do so. We would appreciate your support in reminding children of why these areas are so important before we return. Further details will follow in September.

Please can I take this opportunity once again to thank you all for your positive comments and support that have been shared with myself and the Kingsmoor team. We really do appreciate it and are very grateful for the kind words, cards and gifts that have been received.

We would like to wish you all an enjoyable holiday and very much look forward to a full return in September.

Kind regards

J. Warren