



Dear Parents

I have attached an outline of behaviour expectations to share with children on our return to school. Children will be introduced to our new behaviour values of 'Ready, Safety and Respect' which will underpin our behaviour expectations at this time. As you can see from the attachment, we have crafted the wording so it is positive language for the children.

The priority is to ensure all our children return safely and have a positive reintegration into school life. We believe that in the groups that we have created, this will be achievable and that our staff will quickly establish caring relationships with the children.

We fully expect that the return will pose a challenge to all our children and there will be some for whom the challenge will be greater than others. Our plans to help those children will be met by the extra staff in each classroom who will be able to address the needs of individuals.

We will all be practising social distancing and maintaining our own personal space - staff included. There will be times where children will forget this and they will be reminded by adults in a calm, warm manner. If we believe that this has become an issue for individual children, we will contact you and ask you to remind your child about the importance of social distancing. We fully expect that working together, these lapses in concentration will stop and social distancing will soon become recognised practice as it has for us as adults in supermarkets and in the workplace.

There is another scenario for behaviour that we hope we do not encounter and that is if children wilfully ignore adults in school and put other members of the school community at risk by refusing to social distance or interfere with the belongings of another child. Again, we will inform you of our concerns and rely on your support in sharing those with your children. If there are continued breaches of any safety rules, where working together, targets and consequences haven't worked, this might jeopardise your child's place at our provision.

When children return, in order to follow guidance and reduce the risk of spreading the virus, we have decided that children will only need to bring their packed lunch and water bottle. (Free packed lunches have been ordered for all Year R and 1 children) Do not send them to school with any bulky bags, stationery or PE kit. We have said that children should wear trainers to school so we can quickly and efficiently take them outside for exercise sessions and do not need to wear uniform, although please dress sensibly for a classroom environment. We have decided upon the non-uniform policy to begin with, as this will help you to put your child's clothes in the wash as soon as they

get home. Short sleeved garments are thoroughly recommended. All children will need is:-

- Packed lunch (Year R and 1 children have packed lunches on order)
- Full water bottle
- Medication (this should be clearly labelled and handed to the member of staff on gate duty)
- Asthma inhalers to be kept by children (notification of this to the school though)
- Hat and sun protection cream if appropriate

If it is reassuring to you and your child they may bring in their own personal hand sanitiser to be kept on their desk. This does not replace the need to wash hands.

Do not send children in with face coverings or bandanas as this will make other children anxious.

We fundamentally believe that with the smaller groups and with two adults in each classroom, the level of pastoral care will be of the highest quality and therefore, behaviour incidents will be negligible. We also know that our children will come back wanting to support and care for one another. Please share the contents of both this letter and the behaviour guidance with your children.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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