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Dear Parents/Carers

Further to the information letters sent out at the end of last term, please see below a reminder of the key points and additional information for your child's return to school in September.

All children on both sites will return to school on Thursday 3rd September.

Start and end of the day in September

From September for at least the first half term there will be no walking buses between our two sites and children can only go to Breakfast Club on the site that they attend. Tea Time Club will run on both sites but only until 4.30pm.

In line with Government advice all children will be working in year group bubbles with staggered start and end times of the day (see below) and staggered break times and lunch times. Each class will have a designated space/time outside to play.

All children except Reception will be having lunch in their class rooms, Reception children will have their lunch in the hall at Church Street.

Hand sanitisers and frequent handwashing routines will be in place and hand hygiene posters will be displayed around both sites. All visitors to school will be asked to wear masks and visitors can only come to school by appointments. Children will be handed over to parents from the gates on each site at the end of the day.

In the Autumn term we do not expect to have any parents meetings or events in school but will be contacting you by telephone, website and Face Book as we have during lockdown. If you need to speak to your child's Class Teacher this will be need to be done via telephone or by sending an e-mail to school (wingateprimaryschool@durhamlearning.net).

Church Street Site

Reception 9.30 – 2.30pm Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September then
9.00 – 3.00pm after this date (from Monday 7th Sept)

Year 1 8.45 – 2.45

Year 2 8.30 – 2.30

Siblings can arrive at the earlier time – ie Reception can arrive with Year 2 but pick up times should be for the later child.

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Moor Lane Site

Year 3	9.15 – 3.15
Year 4	9.00 – 3.00
Year 5	8.45 – 2.45
Year 6	8.30 – 2.30

There will be markers along the fence to enable you to wait outside of the gates prior to each group being admitted to the site and remain 2 metres from other parents. Staff will be waiting for you to arrive and we will welcome your child into the building. You will not be able to come into the building yourself. Children may bring a bike or scooter to school but please make sure your child washes their hands when they return home as these will not be stored during the day in separate bubbles.

If your child is walking to school alone, please encourage them to observe social distancing on their way to and from school. Children will be admitted to school at the pupil entrance as soon as they arrive and sent to their class room. Also encourage your child to wait on the school side of Moor Lane and use the allocated markers on the fence to help them to social distance.

Siblings can arrive at the earlier time – ie Year 3 can arrive with Year 6 but pick up times should be for the later child.

Details of your child's new Teacher were sent with their end of year report. A photograph of their new Teacher is on the website under the "Classes" section.

Unfortunately, we will not be allowing any parents/carers to come onto the school yard except for Reception new starter parents/carers on the first day of term.

Staff will be at the gates to meet children and welcome them into school at both sites.

Breakfast & Tea Time Clubs

Children must be booked in for Breakfast Club and Teatime Club. A booking form will be sent out next week, including costs, for your completion.

Children can attend Breakfast Club from 7.30am on both sites and Teatime Club on the Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September without booking however they must attend the correct site. Costs will be £1.00 per day for Breakfast Club and £1 for Tea Time Club from 3.30 – 4.30pm per day except Tuesday tea-time which will be a new Homework Club.

Homework Club

The Home Work Club is to help all children catch up and complete their 'homework' in school with staff to help them. We hope that all children attend this club which will be free of charge.

We will not be sending paper homework home with your child. They will bring a book to practise reading with you on Mondays to return on Thursdays and another on Thursdays to return on Mondays. Once returned to school, the books will be stored so that any potential infection is gone.

School Meals

In September there will be an interim menu for school meals. These will be placed on the Website and Facebook for your information. From September school meals will cost £2.10 per day (£10.50 per week) and should be paid for via Parent pay. The office will send out activation letters if you need them.

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

Packed Lunches

If your child is bringing their own packed lunch, they should only bring a packed lunch container and if possible use a carrier bag which can be disposed of once the children have eaten their lunch.

Parent Pay

I would like to thank parents/carers for bringing their Parent Pay balances up to date. A number of payments have been made over the summer holidays and this has made a huge difference in school, however, there are still a number of accounts with outstanding debts, despite various reminders. If you have not yet made payments and still have an outstanding balance could you please do so as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulties in making a payment, please contact me to discuss this. All unpaid balances must be paid by end Friday 29th August, unless otherwise arranged. Unpaid balances affect our budget and the provision we can make for all of the children in school!

Unfortunately, if balances are not brought up to date and you have not discussed this with me, Annie or Mrs Clarke, your child and their siblings will not be able to attend Breakfast or Tea Time Clubs. If there is debt owed for School Meals, you will need to send a packed lunch for your child as they will be unable to have a school meal. We will be notifying the families this applies to in a separate letter.

Uniform & School Equipment

We know that children like to look smart in their new school uniform at the start of the school term, however, in this exceptional year, children do not need to wear a uniform until after the October holidays but please do send them in full uniform if this is easier for you and your child. We would ask that your child wears fresh clean clothes every day to prevent the spread of infection. Sensible shoes must be worn so children can play out safely. If not wearing uniform, please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing- not 'crop tops' or inappropriate slogans. Children must not wear any jewellery except a watch if they wish (and not a watch that connects to the internet eg Apple watches).

Please make sure that your child has a jumper or cardigan with them in school, even if it is warm outside. It may be cooler in school as windows will be left open for ventilation.

Children should **NOT** wear masks for school. This follows government advice currently.

Children should **NOT** bring any bags or equipment to school such as pens, pencils, water bottles or hand sanitiser. This will all be provided in school. Each child will be given a pencil case containing classroom equipment for their sole use. We will no longer be using water bottles but instead your child will be given a cup for their sole use which will be sterilised each day.

Reading books will be sent home in plastic wallets provided by school.

Temperatures of children will not be taken on arrival in school on a morning, this will only be done, with a non-contact thermometer, if your child becomes ill in school.

Clearly there is a lot of information in this letter. All of this may change depending on the lock down situation and Government guidance but we will keep you informed as much as possible via the school website, texting service and Facebook.

These are very challenging times and every day brings something new for us all to deal with. We appreciate the added concerns that you may have as you send your child back to school. We will do our very best in the light of all of the challenges facing us. We ask for your understanding and know that as part of our Rights Respecting School community we will all be supportive, patient and respectful.

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back to school next week!

Regards

M-L Binks

Mrs Marie-Louise Binks
Head Teacher