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Dear Parents/Carers,

16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. It has been great to get back this week and start a new term with a little bit more optimism that life may soon return to some normality. The children have settled back in brilliantly and we are really proud of how hard they have been working - a child even told me I was distracting him from his work this week which really made me laugh!

We know that life outside of school is beginning to look a little more normal and we hope that you are enjoying some of the freedom we have. With this in mind, we have been working hard as a staff team to think about ways we can begin to make school a little more 'normal' for the children. School will continue to follow all guidance from the government and maintain a very cautious approach when easing any procedures that we have in place. We work closely with our Health and Safety consultants and risk assess any changes we make.

#### **Outdoor Play equipment**

The tape from around all outdoor play equipment will be removed from Monday and the children will be able to use this when they are in school. The equipment will be timetabled and allocated to a bubble for a week at a time and then quarantined over the weekend ready to swap to another group. Please do not let any children play on any of the equipment before or after school.

#### **Dinners**

Lunch timings will be changing from Monday and we are able to get more of our children into the dining hall to eat their lunch. Bubbles will still not be able to mix with each other at this stage and will be kept separate at lunch times. Some classes will still have to eat in their classrooms for now but as we move through the term, we hope to get everyone in the dining hall to eat.

As is the case with any new systems, we may need to adapt things as the new rotas etc are established but be assured that we will work hard to get this right for everybody's benefit. We are beginning to ease our restrictions cautiously and will be monitoring this closely. All other social distancing and hygiene procedures will remain in place in school at this time, with the exception of a little more freedom for staff to move within their phase. The safety of our children, staff and families will always remain our priority.

#### **Parents Evening**

Parents evening will be week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> May as we put on the blog before the Easter holidays. The dates and times are as follows:

Nursery - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May- 1:30- 5:30p.m.

Reception- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 3:30-5:50 p.m.

KS1+ KS2- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 3:30- 5:50p.m.

The meetings will be held via TEAMS and the teachers will send invites to your child's TEAMS account. The booking system via Parentmail will be available from 6pm next Tuesday so please go on and book your preferred time. If you need to speak to your child's teacher before parents evening, please ring the school office to arrange a time; don't feel that you have to wait. We are really missing the close relationships with parents and families; in particular being able to have quick chats on the playground, which is something that we are all used to. Hopefully, we will be able to do this in the near future.

I hope that the sun continues to shine and that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs N Walker

