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Full Reopening of School September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As promised last week, this letter is an attempt to outline how school will operate when we are fully open in September. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding while we have been digesting the guidelines from the Government and reviewing our Risk Assessments. **We can confirm that school will reopen to all pupils (except the new Nursery children) on Thursday 3rd September.** Please note that this is a slight change to the previously shared term dates. Manchester City Council has encouraged schools to use an additional, exceptional Teacher Training day to ensure that all safety measures are in place for the children's full return to school and we agree with this adjustment as safety remains our top priority.

When you arrive back at school you will notice some immediate changes. We will be operating a strict one-way system around the playgrounds to help everybody with social distancing. Parents will say goodbye to their children outside the classroom door and then continue to follow the one-way system to leave the premises. To enter the site you will be able to use the gates on Old Moat Lane and Whitchurch Road. To exit the site you will be asked to use the gates on Hough Road and Whitchurch Road. These measures are important for the safety of pupils, parents and staff and must be followed by all. Members of staff will be on hand to help with this.

Doors will open at 8.40am and close at 9.10am with parents able to drop off at any time in between. We hope this will reduce the number of people on site at the same time. Please see the table below for details of your child's finish time. This is slightly more complicated as not all classrooms have an external door.

Year group/s	Finish time	Collection point
Nursery and Reception	Any time between 2.45pm-3.00pm	Classroom door
Years 1, 2 & 3	Any time between 3.10pm – 3.25pm	Classroom door
Year 4	3.05pm	Door by stairs opposite to Reception
Year 5	3.15pm	Door by stairs by mini football pitch
Year 6	3.05pm	Door by stairs by mini football pitch

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The children will be working in their new year groups with their new teachers (please see our previous letter for details of which class your child will be in). We will be taking a number of measures to limit how many other pupils your child comes into contact with. You will have heard about “Bubbles” or “Pods” and we will be working to keep your children in these consistent groups during their time in school. To help with this, children will only play outside and eat their lunch with other children from their year group Pod. A small number of staff will work across several Pods to provide expert teaching.

There will of course be other measures in place to keep all pupils and staff safe. It would not be practical to include all of these in this letter but some of the most significant are listed below:

- All staff and pupils will sanitise their hands on arrival at school and through regular intervals during the day (including before eating). They will also be asked to sanitise their hands before leaving school at the end of the day.
- Pupils from Year 1 – Year 6 will all sit at forward facing desks with their own basic, individual equipment.
- There will be no assemblies with children from more than one Pod.
- The number of visitors to school will be kept to an absolute minimum and parents will be encouraged to email or telephone with enquiries.
- Pupils will keep their belongings (coats, lunchboxes, book bags) at their desk.
- Areas of the building that are frequently used (handrails, toilets) will be cleaned during the school day.
- Shared areas will be sanitised between use by different Pods.
- Each Pod will have their own playground equipment, easily identifiable by colour.
- Homework will be set online or provided on a sheet that does not need to be returned to school.
- Home reading books will be quarantined for 48 hours before being redistributed.
- We are looking at alternatives to Parent’s Evening to minimize the number of people in school.
- Children will be asked to bring their own named water bottle.
- Any member of staff or pupil who develops symptoms consistent with Covid-19 will be sent home and asked to book a test. In the event of a positive test, all staff and pupils from that Pod will be asked to isolate.

All of the above measures are consistent with the Government guidelines and staff have been practicing many of these measures while we have been open for pupils of Key Workers. We will of course continue to monitor the guidelines and adjust our risk assessment and procedures as required.

Breakfast club will still be available to parents who require this service and we will minimise interaction between year group Pods. We will contact parents who have previously used breakfast club to check if you still require a place. Any families wishing to start using this service should contact school before Friday 17th July to enquire about availability.



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If you have any questions about any of the content of this letter please get in touch.

Wishing you a peaceful and healthy summer,

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