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Monday 13th July 2020

Full Re-Opening of the School September 2020

Dear Parents,

I am writing to provide you with information about the full reopening of the school in September 2020. The Government issued the direction for schools to reopen at the beginning of July and since then my team and I have been working to make the necessary arrangements which I am pleased to be sharing with you now. I include for your information;

- 1) Our complete risk assessment for the full re-opening of the school
- 2) A 'Return to Lockdown Plan' which outlines what will happen if we have to go back into a local or national lockdown and how we will build on and improve what we were able to do in the first lockdown
- 3) The Recovery Curriculum which sets out in detail how we will go about supporting pupils' wellbeing and mental health as we return to school as well as our strategy for making up, so far as is possible, the learning lost during the lock down period.

For your convenience, I would also like to summarise the main points which I think will be of interest to you. All of this is subject to the continuation of the Government's easing of the lock down measures across the country as expected.

- 1) The school will reopen, **full time to all years groups** on 3rd September 2020
- 2) Children will operate in year group sized bubbles during the day and will not cross bubbles. Children in the same bubble will be able to play together at playtimes and lunchtimes. Children within a bubble will not be expected to socially distance. Children from different bubbles will. In practice this means they will simply be kept apart from each other. Most bubbles will contain 2 or 3 classes.
- 3) There will be a staggered start and end time to the school day, to minimise the number of people in school at any one time. Details are below
- 4) A maximum of 1 adult per child should do collections and drop offs
- 5) We will maintain the current one way system in school. All pupils **must** arrive via the glade gate. No one will be allowed to enter via Burnt Oak Lane. Parents in Y1-6 will drop their children at their classroom and then continue across the playground, walking behind the year 6 block and exiting behind the garage and out onto Burnt Oak Lane. A different system will be in place for EYFS parents and there will be staff to guide you on the first day.
- 6) From September we are allowed to have staff cross bubbles and may make use of supply teachers again. This means that we will only have to close bubbles for COVID-19 related reasons. It also means it will no longer be necessary to close the school on a Wednesday afternoon for teachers' planning time.
- 7) Full school uniform, including ties where applicable, will be required of all children from September
- 8) On PE days, children should wear their full PE kit to school and remain in it all day. This is to prevent children having to bring in additional items to school.



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- 9) Children must continue to bring a minimum number of possessions into school each day but this must now include a book bag as we will resume sending 'home readers' home in September.
- 10) We expect to be able to resume a full hot service for lunch from 3rd September. Please advise the office if you wish to change your meal pattern.
- 11) We are not able to offer after school sports clubs in the autumn term. We are working hard to get these up and running again for the spring term.
- 12) I am meeting with 'Schools Out' this week to discuss with them a return to operations for the breakfast and after school child care provisions. This is a really complex and challenging area and I will write to you as soon as possible with details about this.

I must also take this opportunity to inform you that the Government has made it clear that a parent's duty to ensure their child attends school regularly comes back into force from September. This means your child **must** attend school **full time** from September. All absences including routine illness must be authorised and reported to the school as per the usual arrangements. In September, the school will resume all of its normal and statutory attendance **monitoring** and **reporting** duties, including working with the Local Authority to challenge the parents of non-attending children through the appropriate legal recourse as may be necessary. The exception to this rule is if children have been directed to self-isolate after a positive test for COVID-19 either of themselves or someone they have been in close contact with.

I understand that for some of you this will be nothing short of a huge relief. For others it will be a significant cause of concern. If you are worried about your child's return I would encourage you to read our planning document in full as well as the Government's advice to school's to reassure yourself that it is as safe as possible and that HTL has taken all the appropriate steps to keep children safe at school. The risk has significantly diminished since March and the risk posed to children's long term prospects by losing out on their education now outweighs the risks posed by the disease. It is impossible to provide a completely risk free environment and that is as true now as it ever was. On balance, it is now the right time for children to come back to school.

If you remain worried then you should contact either me or a member of my team so we can work with you to understand what the concerns are and how we might be able to resolve them. There is nothing I want more than to see the children back in school. I understand that this has been a very worrying and deeply upsetting time for many people. My team and I are ready to support families in whatever way it is possible for us to in order that we can see the children happily and safely back in school where they belong.

To support you and your children in the return to school I would like to host a Zoom meeting for any and all parents who wish to attend at 11am on Thursday about the return in September. I hope that this will ensure that you have an opportunity to ask me questions that you may have and feel confident about what September will look like. The invite is below;

Topic: Full Reopening of the School in September 2020

Time: Jul 16, 2020 11:00 AM London



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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93875454809?pwd=cG9aZTN6WEJ4YzRic0F3Rzc5MVhhdz09>

Meeting ID: 938 7545 4809

Password: 8Gkdzh

The staggered start times for children are below:

Bubble	Class	Start Time	End Time
1	NKA AM Session	8:30	11:30
	NKA PM Session	12:30	15:30
2	RES	8:40	15:00
	RGA		
3	1AC	8:50	15:10
	1WM		
4	2/3CB	9:00	15:20
	2/3NO		
	2/3AS		
5	4CN	9:10	15:30
	4RS		
6	5JB	9:20	15:40
	5KS		
7	6KC	9:30	15:50
	6LG		

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Thursday. For those who I might not see, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer with your children. As always, it is my most sincere prayer that you and all those you love will remain safe and well. I very much look forward to welcoming you back to school in September so we can continue to transform your children's lives and build their futures.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. A Twyman
Head Teacher

