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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will already be aware, the government has instructed all schools to reopen for all primary aged children in September 2020. At Hampton Vale we have worked hard to create a robust plan which allows us to do this whilst prioritising the health and safety of our children, staff and wider community. Here I will set out our HVPA plan which will take effect from September and will be reviewed half termly. There will be a risk assessment in place alongside this which will be available to view on our school website from 31st August.

School will reopen for each year group on the following dates

Tuesday 8th September- Year 5 and 6

Wednesday 9th September- Year 3 and 4

Thursday 10th September- Year 1 and 2

Monday 7th - Friday 11th September - New Reception intake sessions will begin (details to follow in a separate letter)

Monday 14th September- Nursery sessions begin (details to follow in a separate letter)

There are a number of key measures which we are putting in place and these are outlined below.

- Staggered start and finish times each day.

Start Time	Year group
8.40am	Year 4, 5 and 6
8.50am	Reception and Year 1
9.00am	Year 2 and 3

Finish Time- Monday-Thursday	Year group
3.00pm	Year 4, 5 and 6
3.10pm	Reception and Year 1
3.20pm	Year 2 and 3



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Finish Time- Friday	Year group
2.00pm	Year 4, 5 and 6
2.10pm	Reception and Year 1
2.20pm	Year 2 and 3

Nursery- Monday-Friday		
Session 1	Arrive- 9.00am	Collection- 12.00pm (or 12.30 with lunch)
Session 2	Arrive- 12.30pm	Collection- 3.30pm

- There will be a one way system in place around the outside of the school building which ensures all drop off and collection travels in one direction around the school. Markers will be in place in order to adhere to social distancing. We ask that children, parents and staff adhere to these guidelines and have respect for all. Only 1 parent should accompany their child/ren on school site for drop off and collection. Parents will not be able to enter the school building during drop off or collection.
- Please do not arrive before your drop off time and do not linger around classroom doors as this will cause congestion.
- Teachers will not be able to talk to you at the classroom door, if you need to speak with your child's class teacher please contact the school office to arrange a return phone call.
- Children will be in year group bubbles but as a school we will be reducing this to class bubbles for the majority of the school week. This minimises contact with others.
- Year groups will have staggered break times and each class will have their own 'zone' to play in.
- Children will have 1 extended outdoor playtime per day but will remain inside during lunchtime. Children will eat their lunch in their classroom with their Teacher/TA in order to minimise traffic through the dinner hall and contact with others.
- Class bubbles will be 30 children and 2 adults. The children will not be moving around to other rooms or visiting other teachers for their performing arts, music, art and ICT lessons until further notice. Children will continue to have their outdoor PE lessons and Forest School lessons with their PE and Forest School teacher. We know that outdoor lessons carry much less risk of transmission and also provide huge value for mental health and well being for our children.
- Children within bubbles will not be able to be socially distanced however we will be encouraging children to minimise face to face contact. This will mean moving classroom furniture to accommodate. Minimising movement around the school. Regular hand washing and sanitiser. No sharing of equipment across bubbles.

- Toilets will be gender neutral so that each bubble will have their own toilet and sink. Only one child will be allowed into the toilet area at a time.
- Children may bring their belongings into school in a bag but these should be minimal.
- Children should wear full school uniform each day except on their PE day in which children should come into school in their PE Kit for the day.
- We will be limiting the number of events and face to face interactions during the first term but will hold as many of these as possible using virtual platforms.
- The government expectation is that all children return to school in September and therefore attendance is compulsory for all children.
- We have worked hard to create a recovery curriculum which will support all children to close any gaps missed during this time while still beginning an exciting new school term and topic. More details on this will be shared in September.
- On a Friday afternoon the children will be finishing slightly earlier so that the school can be deep cleaned ready for Monday. This time will also allow for teachers to have their statutory planning and preparation time. This means we do not have to add additional adults to your child's bubble during their time in school and minimises risk. We realise this is not an ideal solution to all families but it is a safer solution for the children and this is our priority.
- We will be offering a socially distanced before and after school club (Goslings) each day beginning in September and if you would like further details on this provision please see the school office.
- Free School meals will resume in September in school and therefore the voucher scheme will cease. All children entitled to a Free School Meal will be offered a choice of sandwich or 1 hot option daily. All other children may order a school meal in the usual way should they wish.

I understand that this is a lot of information at this time but it is imperative that we are all fully prepared for what will be our 'new normal' at least for the Autumn term. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back each and every one of our children to begin a year not focused around a pandemic but focused around a child's love of learning.

You will find in this pack a series of information from our local authority and also a school map advising you on where your child/ren's class is based next year. We will also be emailing you a link to a summer learning pack created nationally to support your child/ren with preparing for next year. This is not compulsory but will benefit your child/ren if completed over the summer. If you do not have access to the online learning pack please visit our school office by Tuesday 21st July and you can collect a hard copy.

Wishing all of our Hampton Vale families a wonderful summer break.

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