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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have all enjoyed the Summer break and are now looking forward to your children returning to school next week; we are very much looking forward to welcoming them back!

Staff have been busy tidying and organising the school ready for the children and Grand Gestures have worked their magic in all of the outdoor areas. We are so very lucky to have their support and dedication. Sue Elks and her very merry team have spent many hours cleaning, tidying, planting and organising resources. We would like to send you all a massive THANK YOU from us all!



We thought that it would be useful to remind you of the information that was sent out at the end of the Summer Term, along with some other bits of guidance.

I'm sure that there will be a little nervousness among some students and parents, but the evidence from the back end of the summer term was that being at school, in a routine and in familiar surroundings was a welcome relief from the strangeness of the lockdown arrangements we were all working under.

Looking forward to Term 1- September 2020

As a school, we will adhere to these guidelines by limiting the contact between pupils and adults and by ensuring the children remain in consistent groups which will not mix. Social distancing will also be maintained.

To limit contact, we will also need to: stagger the start and stagger the end of the school day; limit the amount of 'free play'; and also stagger and shorten lunchtime. With all this in mind the length of the taught hours needs to remain in line with legislation. Limiting contact also applies not only to school staff, but to any adult on or around the school site, which therefore includes parents.

As you are all well aware, our site is particularly challenging due to having only one small entrance onto the site.

We have worked hard to find a model which will have the least impact for parents and to maximise the children's learning time. We appreciate that these adjustments may be difficult for some but hopefully this will just be a short-term measure.

Start of the day

Early bird will have a strict drop off between **8am and 8.15am** –Please make sure you have booked a place with Early bird using the email: bookings@preshute.wilts.sch.uk

We have then increased school drop off from **8.30-9am for Classes 1-6**. Parents will be asked to **drop children at the gate** rather than come onto the site, this is to ensure there are only people flowing in one direction onto the school site.

Children will be met at the gate and directed to their classrooms.

Class R can arrive from 9am-9.15am

End of the day

Parents will be welcomed onto site to collect your child(ren) at the end of the school day. **We are asking parents to pick-up at the time and location allocated for your youngest child.** Parents are asked to leave the site promptly (to allow for the next pick-up slot).

For example, if you have children in Year 3 and Year 1, then you would collect both children from the playground (where Year 1 will be waiting) at the same time.

Class R and siblings will be able to be collected from the **netball court on the playground promptly at 2.30pm** and leave by 2.45pm.

Class 1 and 2 plus siblings will be collected from the **playground outside the mobiles promptly at 2.55pm** and leave the site by 3.15pm.

Class 3 children and siblings will be collected from the **netball court on the playground promptly at 3.20pm** and leave the site by 3.35pm.

If your child is in Year 6 and you wish for them to walk home from school alone then please inform the school in writing.

Children who are in classes 4,5 or 6 and have no siblings and are not attending afterschool provision will be walked by their class teachers to the recreation ground in Manton. Parents will be able to collect the children from here at 3.20pm.

It would be really helpful if you can keep to the allocated time slots, however we understand that, on occasions, parents may run late or have difficulty in finding parking spaces, therefore please phone the office and we will let you know when you can collect your child from the office.

Parents are reminded to socially distance from each other at all times, where possible and that only one parent or guardian collect their child from school.

Bus

Unfortunately, the local authority has advised that the bus will not be operating during Term 1. We hope this service will be reinstated from Term 2 onwards.

Lunches

For the first couple of weeks of term, Sue Brady will be **only** offering a cold sandwich option. We will be reviewing this during the term, we will be contacting you for your input on this in September.

Communication

If you wish to communicate with a member of staff then please do so through the admin@preshute.wilts.sch.uk email address.

Teachers will be not available to chat at end of the day during pick up, however, teachers will be able to talk to parents on the phone and we will make appointments onsite to see parents.

Appointments during the school day

We would encourage that appointments should be taken outside the school hours but understand that this is not always possible. Please inform the school of the appointment. If the appointment is mid-morning, we ask that the child is kept home until after the appointment. At other times the child will make their way to the office at the allotted time where you will be able to sign them out from the reception.

School Uniform and PE days

Your child will be expected to wear full school uniform. This will be mixed with PE kit on PE days. The guidance states that uniforms will not need to be cleaned more than usual.

You will be notified of PE days in the class Curriculum newsletter that will be sent out by the end of week 1.

What will happen if my child is unwell?

If your child shows any symptoms associated with Coronavirus, then they should not be in school. We ask if any symptoms below are shown, you inform the school so that we can take any further action.

Below are the signs and symptoms of Coronavirus:

The school will use its back office as a medical room to care for any child who is taken ill during the day. The member of staff attending to your child will wear full PPE. The child's parents will be contacted and asked to collect them. The guidance requests that the child is tested and then notify the school of the results of the test. In the meantime, the school will report the case to Public Health England who will advise the school when and if classes will have to close.

- The person with symptoms should isolate for 10 days
- Anyone in your household must then self-isolate for 14 days.
- If anyone at school tests positive, the whole class must self-isolate for 14 days.

Please do not send your child into school if they have any symptoms or are generally unwell, particularly

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you or a member of your family have to self-isolate the school will provide home learning through Class Dojo, Evidence me or through paper packs of work.

What happens if my child's teacher is ill?

If the teacher is absent for reasons outside of Coronavirus, then another member of staff may supervise the day. However, it may be that the class is not able to open because we are not able to bring in another teacher. If this is the case, we will give you as much notice as possible. This arrangement will certainly be the case for Term 1 but as the guidance changes, we will review the situation.

Before and after-school childcare

The guidance recommends that children and families only use **one** chosen provider and not mix providers. We are aware that families use several providers across the week, but the guidance would require parents to make a choice of a preferred provider. It is our understanding that some providers will refuse to take families where their childcare arrangements cut across more than one provider.

If you are using Early Bird and Fun club:

- Please ensure you book a place using: **bookings@preshute.wilts.sch.uk**
- We will not be able to take bookings at all over the phone; all bookings need to be done via the booking system. Unfortunately, we also will not be taking bookings on the day.
- Places have had to be limited due to restrictions of bubbles.
- Please stick to allocated time slots for dropping off and collection.

Afterschool clubs

We initially will not be running additional after-school clubs; however, we hope we will be able to offer these towards the end of Term 1; however, these may be limited to year groups or bubbles.

Music lessons

We are currently working with external music teachers so these can happen as usual, however, space is very limited and the timings and space available will be reviewed again at end of term 1. Music teachers will contact families shortly.

Class Dojo

Following many positive comments on the use of Class Dojo during lockdown, we will be continuing to use Class Dojo this academic year to support learning. More information will follow during Term 1. Class teachers will shortly be uploading a 'Welcome Back' message to their class. We ask that you do not upload anything to Class Dojo at this point.

For further information parents/carers are encouraged to visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

The school office will be sending two further booklets from the Local Authority and the DFE, which give information to help you support your child's return to school.

We are all so looking forward to bringing the whole school community back together and we look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 2nd of September**.

Yours sincerely,
Claire Hann-Perkins
Head teacher