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Dear Parents

I hope that you have had a lovely summer break and managed to do something different so that you feel refreshed and ready to return to the new academic year.

The staff and I are very much looking forward to having all of the children back and hearing the sounds of happy and hard-working children in all our classrooms again.

It is our intention to try and return to normal school life as much as possible while doing our best to minimise the risks of spreading infection. There is still much discussion on what is the right way of doing things depending on which 'expert' you listen to and on which day!

Our view is that we take a commonsense approach that balances the day-to-day needs of running a school, the children being able to learn successfully and play happily, teachers teaching effectively, and having a safe environment.

Key things we will have in place:

- Classes and staff staying in their 'bubbles' as much as possible throughout the day for work and play
- Regular handwashing and sanitisation
- Encouraging social distancing as much as is possible and realistic
- Minimising the sharing of equipment as much as is possible and realistic
- Staggered pick up and drop off times and different entrances where they will be met by staff who will bring them to their classrooms:

Class	Drop Off	Pick Up
Den (Nursery and Reception)	8.50/EYFS Gate	3.00/EYFS Gate
Squirrels (Year 1&2)	8.50/Main Gate	3.00/Main Gate
Badgers (Year 3&4)	8.40/Main Gate	3.10/Main Gate
Owls (Year 5&6)	8.40/Field Gate	3.10/Field Gate

- Parents are asked to leave the site as soon as they have dropped off or picked up.
- Parents can only enter the school site by prior appointment
- Children to wear their PE kit into school on the day they have PE. Teachers will be in touch by the end of next week to let you know which day this is
- Cleaners will be in the school during the school day, cleaning communal areas
- An extensive Risk Assessment has been completed by the EPA and School to ensure a very robust response to how we manage the new term

If a child or member of staff receives a 'positive' covid result, we will close their bubble for 14 days and revert to our online Home Learning as soon as possible.



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- Sadly, Mrs Insch decided to leave during the summer holidays, and we thank her for her incredible 20 years of service to the school. Mrs Newsham will be supporting Mrs Barker (from the Standlake school office) for the first half of term while we review the administration needs in the school. Both are very experienced at what they do so it will be 'business as usual'. A message from Mrs Insch will be coming out later in the week.
- **Please let the school office know if there are any immediate changes to contact details or child medical needs**
- We ask that parents contact the school office by phone or email rather than coming into school during this time

Communication

- All school communications are now coming through ParentMail. Please ensure that you are registered with ParentMail to receive these communications

Breakfast and After School Clubs

- Breakfast Club will be running as normal. Please contact the office to book a place. The children will be kept in Key Stage bubbles.
- We will not be running any after school clubs for Term 1 but hope to start them again after half-term, depending on how the term has gone and the Covid situation.

School Lunches

- Families can choose to have school dinners or packed lunches. The school dinner menus are now online. Where possible, please pre-order your child's lunches using the School Grid (Dolce) BEFORE term starts and ensure there is enough credit in your child's account.
- Please can we remind parents to log any allergies or dietary requirements on the School Grid System.

We will be reviewing these arrangements regularly and keep you updated accordingly.

Finally, I would like to thank you all in advance for your patience and understanding with the new arrangements and adaptations we are making to ensure that we run the school in as normal a way as possible.

We look forward to seeing you next week on Wednesday 2 September.

Kind regards,

Andrew Denham