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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a very happy summer holidays and have managed to enjoy the sunshine when you could. I am writing to inform you of a few things you will need to know or maybe wondering about as we return to school on Thursday.

I am delighted to say that school will 'almost' be back to normal as possible this September. We will no longer operate in bubbles and will be mixing both inside school and out on the playground. Sadly though, parents/carers will still not be allowed inside the school building without a prior appointment.

Pick up and drop off

In order to help you maintain a healthy distance from each other, drop off and collection will operate the same as it did last year

Nursery & Acorns	Nursery door
Class 1 Reception	Class 1's classroom door (small play area)
Class 2	Steps to their classroom on the big playground
Class 3	Steps to their classroom on the big playground
Class 4	Entrance door next to Nursery (near the toilets) on arrival and main entrance at home time.

Breakfast Club and Kids Club After School Club will continue to use the hall doors.

Nursery will start at 9am and finish at 12 noon, doors will open for all other children at 8.50am with Class 1 & 2 (Infants) finishing at 3pm and Class 3 & 4 (Juniors) finishing at 3.15pm.

Also in the interests of safety, it is advisable to continue to wear a mask at these times as we are very limited for space.

Acorns/Breakfast Club and Kids Club After School

This week Breakfast club will operate daily from Thursday 2nd September from 7.45am as normal. Acorns will also operate from 12 noon until 3pm starting Thursday 2nd September. Kids Club After School Club however will operate Thursday **only** this week, then Monday to Thursday 3-6pm thereafter. If you require Kids Club after school on Fridays, you will need to contact Christina Rotheram on 07538868313. We would like to run this service every Friday but unfortunately we need at least 5 children to attend in order for the session to be viable.

What happens if someone tests positive or has symptoms now we are not in bubbles?

Firstly, Staff and pupils are advised that they must not come into school if they have Coronavirus (COVID 19) symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell), or if they have had a positive LFT.

If a child or member of staff develops symptoms in school, they will be isolated from other staff and children and collected/sent home immediately. They will be expected to get a PCR test as soon as possible. You will also need to inform school about the result.

If a child or member of staff tests positive their bubble will no longer be sent home and we will work with the NHS Test and



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Trace system to inform any close contacts. General public rules will then be followed where **from 16 August 2021:** stating children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

Visitors to school

All visitors to school will have to enter the building via the main entrance and only with a pre arranged appointment. On entry they will complete relevant Covid paperwork, have their temperature taken and asked to sanitise their hands/wear a face covering. Sports Coaches, Music Teachers and Other professionals eg Speech Therapists, Social Workers etc are classed as essential visitors, they will also follow the rules above but in addition will carry out two Lateral Flow Tests a week.

Check your contact details

If you have changed your email or mobile number or even moved house over the summer, please ring the office with your new details or send them in with your child on a piece of paper. It is important these are up to date in case your child is poorly during school time, or we need to send a letter or a text. It may also affect our online payment system for trips and dinner money.

Important information re Allergies in School for all parents

First of all a reminder of how important it is to be aware of allergies in school, firstly if your child suffers from any allergy or intolerance please make sure this information is shared with class teachers, Mrs Benson and Kids Club and we will work with you to produce an Health Care Plan. It is also essential to inform us of any changes to existing Health Care Plans that may have occurred over summer.

Secondly, we do have children in school with a **severe peanut/nut allergy** and it is essential that no peanuts/nuts come into school either in packed lunches, birthday cakes or cakes provided for cake stalls. Their reaction can also be 'air born' which means if your child has had peanut butter or peanuts/nuts or anything containing peanuts/nuts before they come into school, please could you make sure they wash their hands and clean their teeth to ensure they have no traces of peanuts/nuts on them. We appreciate your continued support with this.

School Uniform

Children will be expected to come to school wearing their uniform – this consists of Maroon Sweatshirt/Cardigan with the school logo, blue polo t-shirt, smart trousers or skirt grey or black or uniform dress. Children will also be expected to bring their PE kit in their bag to school each week to get changed into for their lessons, they will no longer need to wear this for the school day. A reminder that our Pe Kit consists of White polo shirt with school logo and plain bag sports shorts. Sweatshirts and PE Tops will need to be purchased from our school website or on a paper form, all other uniform can be bought from any shop of your choosing. Please make sure your child has a respectable hair style – no tram lines or hair dye and we recommend long hair to be tied back to prevent headlice outbreaks.

Parking Outside School

A polite reminder to be careful when parking outside school. It is important you do not park on the pavements or yellow zig zags in order to keep our families safe. If your child comes to school on bikes or scooters, please make sure they wear a helmet and **not** until they have good road sense.

Jewellery

Please don't forget that Jewellery is **not** allowed to be worn at school in the interests of health and safety. This includes all kinds of earrings. There are no exceptions to this rule even if your child had their ears pierced during the summer holidays, they will still need to be removed.

Dinner money

Dinner money costs for this half term is £81.40 (7 weeks and 2 days) or £11.00 a week for children in Class 3 and 4, and £59.50 (7 weeks and 2 days) or £8.50 a week for Nursery children. If you are having problems logging onto our School Money website, please contact Katy in the office on 01900 825689 or Katy@brigham.cumbria.sch.uk and we will reissue your log in details.

Packed lunches

We are a 'Healthy School' so if your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure it is a healthy balanced meal. Suggested lunch could be a sandwich, yogurt, fruit and a small biscuit **or** cake **In addition, it is essential it does not contain any nuts, as we have children in school with severe nut allergies as stated above.**

Water Bottles

With water fountains out of operation due to Covid Regulations, it may be more advisable than ever to send your child to school



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with a water bottle. This will need to go home each night to be cleaned and refilled. Again a reminder that water bottles in the classroom and at lunch times should only contain **water** and **not** juice, fizzy drink or flavoured water as we are a 'Healthy School'.

School Absence

If your child is ill or absent for any reason, please remember it is your responsibility to ring the office by 9.30am to let us know why your child is not in school, failure to do so is a breach of safeguarding.

If the absence is Covid related we need to be informed of the reason, who has symptoms, if they have been tested and outcomes of all tests asap. Your details will be confidential and will not be shared publicly.

48hr Rule

If your child has a sickness or diarrhoea bug please do not send them back to school until 48hrs after the last episode. This is to prevent the spread of germs.

Sports& PE

This half term we have a range of coaches coming into school to support our teaching of PE, all coaches are following their company's regulations around Covid rules in conjunction with ours. Exercise is linked closely to general health, mental health and well being and it is important in the current climate we recognise this and continue to provide these opportunities.

Clubs

We are delighted to be able to start after school clubs again this year so please look out for further details as the term goes on.

Music lessons

Mrs McKeating will shortly be sending out Music letters and payment cards to all the families who have put their child's name down for instrument lessons.

Congratulations to Shelbie

I would also like to take this opportunity to say 'congratulations' to Shelbie who works in our Nursery and Kids Club Wrap Around Care , who gave birth to 'Ada Mae' during the school holidays. Both mummy and Ada are doing well and we hope they can visit us soon.

Finally, please enjoy the final days of the school holidays and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 2nd September.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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