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**'All Moving Forward
Together'**

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware the government has confirmed that schools should begin to welcome back children from specific year groups. As detailed in my previous letter as an infant school, and as directed by the government, we are beginning a phased re-opening for our Foundation Stage children from Monday 8th June. Those indicating they might like their child to return have been contacted and allocated days but if you are unsure or change your mind later in the term please contact us. Unfortunately due to having to work in restricted groups of no more than 15 children, this does mean we are not able to invite Year 1 or 2 children back at this time and will only be able to do this if social distancing guidelines are relaxed. Once again I want to reassure our Year 2 parents/carers that we will do everything we can to support transition to the Junior School, but just need a little more time to work in collaboration with them and plan how to do this. It is very important to us that all children get all the information they need before moving to another year group in September, so please don't worry.

We are looking forward to welcoming back some children next week and continue to provide childcare for those children who are eligible, in accordance with the governments criteria. With this in mind I wanted to reinforce and remind everyone of the safety measures that have been put place in for those children returning and ask that all parents/carers and children abide by these to ensure the safety of everyone in our school and the wider community. These **must** be followed at all times:

- Children will only work in groups of no more than 15 other children at all times and will not have contact with other groups.
- Children will be with the same teacher, teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor throughout their days in school each week. Foundation Stage children will attend for two days per week and will be with their usual class teacher and/or teaching assistant in the Foundation Stage classrooms.
- All children can be provided with a free school packed lunch which must be ordered a week in advance.
- Groups will have their own designated classroom and outdoor areas which other groups will not access. All children must stay within their areas as directed by staff.
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered with groups having designated areas to eat and play. Eating areas will be cleaned and sanitised before and after use.
- Hands must be washed regularly during sessions and before entering or leaving different areas of the school.

- Toilets will be allocated to each group with regular timetabled visits to avoid cross over with children from other groups. (Unless in the case of emergency!)
- There will be additional cleaning throughout and at the end of the day. A full deep clean of all areas will take place once per week.
- All children will have their own seat both at the table and on the carpet.
- All children will have their own resources e.g. pencil, whiteboard, pens etc, which will only be used by them and kept in their own tray in their designated classroom area.
- Shared toys and resources will be chosen carefully and only those that can easily be cleaned regularly will be available. These will not be shared with other groups; each group will have their own designated resources.
- Staggered drop off and collection times, at the school gate near the office, will be allocated to each group to ensure social distancing and reduce the number of people entering the school site. These must be strictly adhered to.
- Only one parent/carer should accompany their child for drop off and pick up and must adhere to social distancing measures. Only the Southfield Close entrance will be used for drop off and collection and the one way path system must be used to minimise contact.
- Children will not be able to bring anything into school from home and reading books etc will not be sent home each day.
- Bikes and scooters cannot be left on site.
- Please ensure child wears clean clothes each day (non-uniform), coats and shoes that children can manage as independently as possible. Shoes without laces should be worn if at all possible.
- Please can Foundation Stage children bring a change of clothes in case of accidents, which will be kept on their peg.
- Any communication with the school office should be by telephone or email, although messages can be passed to staff collecting children at the beginning of the day.

Detailed risk assessments have been completed by staff and governors, with the support of the Local Authority to minimise risk at all times for children, families, staff and the wider community. If you have any further questions or need more information please do not hesitate to ask.

Home Learning

For those who are not able to return at this time we have now been able to review the opportunities we are able to provide for home learning. Resources will be posted on our school website, <https://driffielnorthfieldinfant.schooljotter2.com/learning-from-home> but from next week we will also be providing some paper based packs each week that can be collected from outside the main school office. Although these will be available throughout each day, but to support social distancing we request that if at all possible these are collected between 10am and 1pm to avoid congestion at the office door. The Foundation Stage packs will reflect the learning and activities taking place for those attending, and Year 1 and 2 packs linked the usual summer term curriculum. If at anytime you would like help or support with home learning please feel free to contact the school and one of the teachers will be able to help you.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you have all the information and support you need to either decide whether your child should return to school if applicable or for continuing with home learning. Please remember we are here to help and if there is anything you need please let us know.

Yours sincerely

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