



**'All Moving Forward
Together'**

15th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of this very strange academic year we would like to express our sincere thanks to you all for your understanding and support, especially during this last term. We have really missed having everyone in school together and we are all saddened at not being able to enjoy all our usual end of year celebrations, especially with our Year 2 children; however we will do everything we can to make up for this as soon as possible and will bring you all together for a leavers disco at some point in time. We wish those leaving us all the very best and look forward to hearing of your future adventures!

As the school will be closing for the summer break I wanted to give you as much information as possible about arrangements for the Autumn term. As you will be aware the government are expecting all schools to open for all pupils in September. We have been working hard to continue to build on the safety measures that have been in place during the partial closure of school and will be extending these further to accommodate all our pupils. Detailed below are the expectations for September which explain what the school and parents/carers will need to adhere to for the safety of our children, families, staff and the wider community.

Safety Measures, minimising contact and social distancing

Government guidance has been produced which outlines the measures which must be taken to fully re-open the school. These measures focus on minimising contact between pupils, social distancing between adults and prevention of the spread of infection. It is imperative that we all adhere to these at all times.

- **Year Group Bubbles**

All pupils will remain within a year group 'bubble' and will only have contact with a specific group of pupils and staff throughout the day. To minimise contact further the two classes within the year group will also remain in their own 'class bubble' as much as possible throughout the day.

- **Staggered start and finish times**

To reduce the number of people on site we will be operating staggered start and finish times. These have been arranged as close as possible to the usual school day times, with lunchtime reduced slightly to ensure pupils do not miss any teaching time. Each class will enter through an allocated entrance and if at all possible use a specific gate to avoid crossover on the school grounds. Siblings can enter at the same time through the same door where staff will take them to their individual 'bubbles'. The allocated times are as follows:

- **Ladybirds (Mrs Theakston)**

- 8.50am to 3pm (from 15th September) – Please use the Southfield Road gate and the children will enter and leave through the doors near the gazebo. (9.15am to 2.45pm 8th to 14th September inclusive)

- **Butterflies (Mrs Buckton/Miss Kelly)**

- 9am to 3.10pm (from 15th September) – Please use the Allotment Lane gate and the children will enter and leave through the Foundation Stage cloakroom door to the rear of the school. (9.30am to 3pm 8th September to 14th September inclusive)

- **Bumblebees (Miss Dean)**
 - 8.50am to 3pm – Please use the Allotment Lane gate. The children will enter and leave through the Key Stage 1 cloakroom door. Parents/carers should wait at the top of the steps but please follow social distancing signage.
- **Caterpillars (Miss Tate)**
 - 9am to 3.10pm - Please use the Southfield Road gate and the children will enter and leave through the doors near the gazebo.
- **Dragonflies (Mrs Baarda)**
 - 9.10am to 3.20pm – Please use the Southfield Road gate and wait on the right-hand side of the playground towards the edge in the marked areas. Children will be met on the playground in the morning and brought out to the playground at the end of the day.
- **Grasshoppers (Miss Yorke)**
 - 9.10am to 3.20pm – Please use the Allotment Lane gate and wait on the left-hand side of the playground towards the edge in the marked areas. Children will be met on the playground in the morning and brought out to the playground at the end of the day.

Please note: *Children must remain with their parent/carer at all times on the playground and will not be able to play on the playground or equipment at the beginning and end of the day. The gates will not be opened until 8.45am and all adults should leave the school grounds once their child has entered school or been met by their teacher. This is to meet social distancing regulations. Also, please can any communication required with teachers at the beginning or end of the day be done via a written note or phone call to the office. Teachers will then contact you as soon as possible.*

As families will be arriving and leaving at different times please walk to school if at all possible, to reduce traffic congestion on the roads around the school. Additional scooter racks will be available near both the office and Allotment Lane gates.

- Breakfast Club
 - We will still be able to offer a Breakfast Club facility which will be organised with the children in each Year group remaining together in a small group in the hall
 - Places must be booked as there are a limited amount of spaces available for each year group each day. Please contact the office if you require a place.
- Handwashing, hygiene and cleaning
 - Anyone entering and exiting the school building will be required to wash their hands or use hand sanitiser. This will be available at all doors and additional outdoor sinks are being installed to increase handwashing capacity for all pupils during the day.
 - Children and adults will regularly wash their hands throughout the day, including each time they move areas indoors and outdoors, before and after eating and as part of personal hygiene, when sneezing etc.
 - Cleaning routines have been reviewed and increased with continuous cleaning of all areas throughout the day.
 - Disinfection and hygiene stations will be available across the school with cleaning resources, hand sanitiser and tissues.
 - Resources will be deep cleaned regularly and always before any other groups use them.
 - Toilets will be allocated to particular ‘bubbles’ at specific times. The use of these areas will be timetabled (although always available in an emergency!) and cleaned between use.

- Minimising contact through the use of equipment and resources moving between home and school

To reduce any risk of cross-infection we ask that as little as possible is brought into school and/or taken home each day. This includes:

- Only book bags to be brought into school with essential items i.e. reading book. Reading books will still be sent home for home reading, however these will be 'quarantined' between use by different children and a home reading record will not be sent between home and school.
- Water bottles filled with water, which will be sent home each day for through cleaning and re-filling.
- Waterproof coat, suitable for outdoor play and learning in all weathers.
- Paper copies of letters and communication will no longer be sent home, unless in exceptional circumstances. Communication will be via the school app (School Jotter available from the iTunes App Store or Google Play), the school website (www.driffieldnorthfieldinfants.co.uk) or by text. We hope to introduce email communication very soon.
- All items of clothing **must** be named as we will not be able to keep a lost property store and it is important that any belongings are returned immediately to the correct child. Please check these labels regularly as names written with a marker wash out after only a short time. You may wish to send a change of clothes to say in school in case of accidents.
- Children should come to school in their outdoor P.E kit on their allocated P.E days (you will be informed of these in September). Please ensure this includes suitable footwear that will be comfortable and sturdy enough for the full day.
- Children should wear all weather shoes that they are able to manage as independently as possible. Shoes with laces should not be worn unless your child is able to confidently tie these themselves.

- Prevention of the Spread of Infection and Control Measures if a member of the school community is ill

- **No one should attend school or enter the school grounds if they are feeling unwell and have suspected symptoms of Covid 19.**
- **The latest NHS and government guidance must be followed including the use of testing and tracing. The most up to date information regarding this will be published on our website before the start of term.**
- In the event of a child or member of staff developing symptoms strict guidance and advice from the LA and Public Health England will be followed. All parents/carers and staff **must** follow any instructions given. This is for the safety of all children, families, staff and the wider community.

We appreciate there are a lot of instructions and changes to the day to day operation of our school, but as you will understand these are all so very important in ensuring the safety of everyone and also ensuring the school can remain open to everyone. It must also be noted that there is an update from the government regarding schools re-opening expected on 11th August so information provided here may need to be updated in response to this.

Thank you all so much for your understanding and we really look forward to us all being together again in September and all the children being in school moving forward with their education. I will be in touch again before the beginning of the Autumn term but in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Have a wonderful summer, but most of all take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Sam Woolhouse
Headteacher