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Hello everyone

It is with great pride and excitement I write to you as Acting Headteacher of Waterthorpe Nursery Infant school. I am particularly pleased to be able to welcome all children back to school for the new term. As the gradual easing of lockdown continues, I hope that you are able to enjoy the summer holidays.

I know that understandably you may feel anxious or cautious about your child returning to school and I want to begin by reassuring you that we have continued to work hard to follow the guidance and plan for how we can minimise the risk and ensure all the children and staff are safe in school. This will mean new ways of working in school and we will need your continued support to ensure that we protect everyone in our school community.

I have attached our Operating Plan and Risk Assessment, this will be continuously reviewed and updated to reflect the current advice while ensuring that school is open for children to learn and spend time with their friends, while reducing the risk of Covid19 transmission.

School starts on Thursday 3rd September

If your child is starting school or Nursery for the first time you will have received information about dates and times already in a separate letter.

Key Stage One children

Please bring your child to the xxx gate (Name) will be on the gate and your child will be asked to come in, on their own, and go to line up with the (name) in the playground. It is important that you arrive at the time of the gate opening, to avoid clashing with other groups. Please can only one adult bring a child to school in order to keep numbers at the gates to a minimum.

If you have to use public transport to travel to school, it is a requirement that face coverings are used on all public transport. We would encourage you to walk to school, cycle or scooter or to travel by car in family bubbles where possible. If your child needs to store their bike or scooter in the yard during the day they will need to be able to do this themselves.

In order to ensure parents and children can wait safely at the start and end of each day and have enough room to socially distance, we have **closed access to the school car parks**. Please park away from the school and be considerate of our neighbours.

The school gates will remain locked during the school day, late arrivals will need to phone the school office. A member of staff will then come out to let you in but this may not be immediately as staff may be busy with children. If you know you are going to be late please telephone the school office to order your child's dinner or you will need to provide a packed lunch from home.

The staff won't have time to chat with you on the gate so if you need to talk to us, please ring the school office on 0114 2484943. Once you have dropped your child off, please do not remain in the area to talk to other parents.

The children who have been coming into school have done so quite happily before the holiday, but we appreciate that some children may be anxious when leaving their parents/carers to come back to a very different school situation. If your child gets upset and doesn't want to leave you, we will ask you to take them to one side whilst we admit the other children. If you are not able to persuade your child to leave you, we will now be able to take them from you and comfort them but as always, we would like to avoid this situation, which can be upsetting for everyone involved. Please talk to your child and prepare them, to leave you at the gate.

Your child will need to bring a hat and a bottle of drink. If they are having a packed lunch it must be in a plastic lunchbox or container that can be easily washed. Children can now bring backpacks and bags into school for their reading books and other belongings. Having a bag will make carrying their belongings themselves easier. Children are not allowed to bring toys from home at the moment.

There are some changes to the organisation of dinnertime but children can now order from the full menu and choose to either bring their own packed lunch from home, have a choice of hot meal, jacket potato or a school grab bag (sandwich). Children can bring a bottle of juice or water for lunchtime, this must be labelled with their name.

Children must wear school uniform. We will be spending a lot of time outside so a coat will be needed. For PE, children need to be wearing trainers or pump-like shoes that they can run around in, shorts and T shirt or track suit for the colder weather. If the weather is sunny you will need to apply sun cream to your child before school. Children should come to school wearing their P.E kits on P.E days. Your Child's P.E day is **XXXX**

Our Breakfast Club and Kids Club will be open from 7th September

Breakfast club will start at 7.55 am. and children will be collected from the Middle gate. Children must arrive on time. Breakfast Club will start on Monday 7th September 2020. Unfortunately we cannot currently accommodate children arriving at alternative times for Breakfast Club.

Kids Club will start on Monday 7th September 2020

If your child or anyone in the household, has symptoms of Coronavirus it is very important that you self-isolate them and do not bring them to school. A test can be arranged through the NHS 111 online service.

If any children or staff receive a positive test result, the school will immediately contact the local Health Protection Team and follow their advice.

Our organisation plans, Risk Assessments and other information is available to view on our website if you wish to do so. <http://www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk/news-update/>

We are very much looking forward to the full opening of school and seeing you all again.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, you can email me at headteacher@waterthorpe.sheffield.sch.uk

Best Wishes

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