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Dear Families,

We are all looking forward to welcoming you back to the new academic year on Monday 6th September. We hope that our families have managed to have restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

As you will be aware from the letter sent out at the end of term and the easing of restrictions more generally in society we are returning to a more normal school routine. It is important to stress however that Covid has not gone away and that as a school our policies and routines may change if guidance from the DfE or Public Health England change. Along with this letter you will find a flow chart from Central Bedfordshire detailing what families should do if you suspect or have confirmation that you have Covid-19.

As a reminder the timings for the school day are below. In the morning the gate will open at 8:35am and will close at 8:50am. Registers will close at 8:55am, after this time children arriving at school will be marked as late. A map of the school detailing drop off and collection points has also been included with this letter.

Nursery

Morning Session:

8:30 – 11:30am

Afternoon Session:

12:30 – 3:30pm

Drop off and collection
from the Nursery garden

Reception

8:35am – 3:15pm

In the morning, gates
open at 8:35am and
close at 8:50.

Drop off and collection via
the Key Stage 1 entrance
next to Clever Kidz.

Key Stage 1 and 2 (Years 1 – 6)

8:35am – 3:30pm

In the morning, gates
open at 8:35am and close
at 8:50.

Key Stage 1 enter via the Key
Stage 1 gate. Key Stage 2 via
the Key Stage 2 gate.

In order to reduce the number of adults who are on the school site, we are encouraging Key Stage 2 children to come through the gates unaccompanied in the morning and to either walk home alone or meet parents outside of the gate.

If you wish your child (Years 5 & 6) to walk home alone, please click on the link below and complete the google form. <https://forms.gle/qzXP67y4qeB6vuDHA> If your child is in years 3 or 4 and you agree for them to meet you on Tithe Farm Road, please click on the following link and complete the google form. <https://forms.gle/cofmnVzPAwP9B1PbA> Without your written permission we will assume that you will collect in person.

Face Coverings and Social Distancing

Face coverings and social distancing will no longer be mandatory; if you feel more comfortable wearing a face covering and/or maintaining a distance would encourage you to do this. Please be mindful that not all of our staff have had the opportunity to be double vaccinated yet and therefore they may request that you maintain a social

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Google Classroom

Over the summer holidays, we have moved to using Google as our operating system at school. Google Classroom has been specifically designed for schools which makes it a more useful platform for us to use. We will no longer be using TEAMS and all email addresses and logins for the children should no longer be used. The office email remains the same. Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive information about Google Classroom and your child's new login details. As with last academic year, we will use our online platform to set homework for the children; homework will be start being set from the week beginning 20th September and will be set on Google Classroom.

On Tuesday 7th September at 8:50am we will be holding a meet the teacher event in the playground. This will be an opportunity to meet the teachers in your year group and for them to explain specifics for the year group your child is in. As this is a group event, if you have any specifics about your child which you would like to discuss in detail we would request that you make an appointment to do this at another time. Meet the teacher sessions will be held in the following locations:

- Year 1/2: Key Stage 1 Play ground
- Year 3: The picnic benches by the staff car park
- Year 4: The MUGA (Key Stage 2 playground)
- Year 5/6: Key Stage 2 playground next to the gazebo

More information about routines and news from the first week will follow during the first week back.

Your Sincerely,

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Mrs Worsfold
Headteacher

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