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Dear Parents,

We have all had a lovely week in school and hope that those of you still at home have had an equally enjoyable time. This week, we have finalised draft plans and risk assessments for a full return in September. All associated documents will be emailed out to you on Monday 24th August, along with more general school agreements and relevant policies. We will ask you to sign to say that you have read and understood all of these before the beginning of term. Also during the week beginning 24th August, Teams Meetings will be set up for each year group to meet together with their class teacher to help prepare for a full return. During these meetings, photos of the school environment will be shared and expectations discussed.

To help you plan for the start of term:

- children will need to wear school uniform - new style uniform is mandatory for year R
- PE kit will need to be washed weekly - please ensure this is a white T shirt, black trousers, black shorts and black or school jumper coloured sweater/jacket with white or black trainers (or black plimsols) - PE kit can be purchased from our uniform supplier
- Children (not year R) will need a pencil case containing a set of named handwriting pencils, pens, colouring pencils, rubber, ruler and glue stick plus all children need a named and regularly provided water bottle
- Children will be in class-sized 'bubbles'
- Whole school gatherings eg. assemblies, church services, clubs will not take place for at least term 1
- Drop off and pick up will be staggered with the drop off zone, parking zone and no parents on site requirements remaining

Drop Off	**Pick Up**
Hampton -- 8.35am to 8.45am	Tinley: 3.00pm to 3.10pm
Fairlawne – 8.45am to 8.55am	Hampton: 3.10pm to 3.20pm
Tinley – 8.55am to 9.05am	Fairlawne: 3.20pm to 3.30pm

- There will be a voluntary one way system. We ask you to enter Back Lane from Stumble Hill and leave by heading down Back Lane to exit alongside the Common. If parking in the Back Lane lay-by, we advise you to reverse into the space to avoid having to reverse out into traffic.
- School dinners will only be available for children in year R to 2 plus those eligible for free school meals for at least term 1

Following on from my email earlier this week, I can confirm that Breakfast Club and After School childcare provision will go ahead:

- Breakfast Club will resume (from 8am on 7th September at £2 per child per day) with children seated in bubbles in separate zones in the hall – cereal and toast will be served to them (max 12 children per day)

- A paid for After School Club will run from 7th September, Monday to Thursdays to 4.30pm, at £1.50 per child per day (max 12 children per day)

Please reply by email by Friday 10th July to headteacher@shipbourne.kent.sch.uk if you would like to request a place for your child at either /or both of these clubs stating which days you require. Please note, spaces will need to be booked and paid for via Parent mail in advance for 4 weeks at a time. Ad hoc, last minute bookings will not be accepted. This is to ensure that the groupings remain consistent and that the room does not become overcrowded.

Attached to this email are a number of resources to support you if you wish to continue with home learning over the summer. During term 1, the objectives detailed will be used to assess and ensure all pupils are ready to move forward onto the new year's curriculum. We anticipate it will take some time for pupils to be fully confident in their learning and staff are planning the curriculum carefully to accommodate this. We will also receive 'Catch Up' funding from the government which we intend to use to support specific pupils more closely. More details will follow as plans are developed. You may also find the following resources supportive.
https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-19-resources/support-resources-to-share-with-parents/

Until Covid-19 is completely under control, there will always be the chance that individuals will be asked to isolate or that we have to close bubble groups or the school once again. Teachers are working hard to ensure that planning for remote learning continues to be aligned with in school learning. Procedures for delivering content and engaging all children will look different next year, with much more day to day communication to ensure that children work through set tasks at the same time. We will be using this term's INSET days to develop best practice together, in line with the most recent government guidelines.

Next Wednesday, children in school will compete in a socially distanced sports session. Attached to this email are details about how you can get involved if you are still at home. I will also be sharing a video via 'We Transfer 'in which Miss Pitcher demonstrates each activity to help guide you. On our final day, Thursday 16th July, year 6 parents are invited to join Fairlawne Class for a farewell to year 6 service via Microsoft Teams starting at 2pm. The rest of the school have recorded video farewells and will also be able to cheer Year 6 on their way at the end of the day.

Many thanks for your continued support and making this final term of the year such a successful one despite the difficult circumstances we all find ourselves in.

Yours faithfully,

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