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Dear All

Arrangements for September

We are all still concerned as to what the impact of the pandemic will be over the coming weeks and when we return in September. Although this is a bit of an unknown at the moment, we do feel that it will be prudent to keep in place some measures in order to try and mitigate the spread of Covid. Although the need for whole year groups/classes to isolate if we have positive cases will be gone, we are still concerned that if we do get positive cases it will spread quickly amongst our children. Children who catch Covid will still have to isolate.

For this reason, we will be keeping our year groups as separate as possible and such things as the one-way system around school will remain. We will make decisions on the wearing of face coverings on school grounds towards the end of the holiday when we have more information on infection rates at that time. It is likely however that we will still require face coverings if people are coming into the school building at least initially. On the matter of face coverings, I would just like to say how amazing most of you have been in supporting school with this. The wearing of face coverings has been the biggest identifying feature of our school family in that it shows that we are all in this together and how we care for our school and community.

It is important however that we begin to try and return to some kind of pre-pandemic normality in September and for that reason we will be making some revisions to our school day. The school doors will continue to be open to receive children during a drop-off window. **Please note that the one-way system will still be in place.** Children will have morning work on their arrival. **There will be no early Friday finish** – the below times will apply all week.

Drop off: 8.45am – 9.00am - (Registration at 9.00am prompt)

KS1 (Reception, Year 1, Year 2): Collection 3.10pm

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6): Collection 3.15pm

Our Nursery times will remain as they are now.

Morning session: 8.45am to 11.45am

Afternoon session: 12.20pm to 3.20pm

Things like extra cleaning regimes and hand sanitisation will also remain. As far as possible all other school activities will continue and including after school clubs, sports activities and school visits.

Head Teacher **Mr P Lord**

School Holidays

As you know there is to be an extra bank holiday next year 2022 to mark the Queens platinum jubilee. Schools have been informed by the government that they can take an extra day's holiday next year in lieu of this extra bank holiday. Please see the revised holiday list for 2021-2022 on the website – we now have an additional day at May half-term than previously published.

Mrs Samantha Whatmough

After many years of service to our school Mrs Whatmough will be leaving our school this week to take up a life of roaming the countryside of Britain. She has been at our school since 1992 and of recent years has taught the children of children. Mrs Whatmough has always had a keen interest in music and sport and has lead these areas of school development with great aplomb. I personally will miss her support and loyalty as I know many of you will remember the great and positive impact she has had on the lives of so many Heaton Park children.

School Uniform

From September we wish to see all children back in the correct school uniform and that includes wearing black shoes as part of our uniform. Training shoes will only be allowed for sports and PE lessons. It is also very important that all children bring sports kit on the days it is required. As you know all forms of outdoor learning are very important to us and it is important that all our children have the correct equipment in order to be able to fully take part and especially so when it is wet. Some old clothes and wellingtons or boots are also a very good idea for when children are in forest school.

A link to our uniform provider can be found on the school website

Outstanding Payments

If you still owe monies for dinners, trips or nursery fees please can you ensure that these are paid in full by the end of tomorrow. Any unpaid amounts will unfortunately be subject to late payment charges from Bury council after the close of school tomorrow. If you are struggling to get on to our online payment system, please contact the school office who will guide you through the process.

Finally

Can I wish everyone a restful and safe summer holiday and hopefully we will return to a world that is lockdown and isolation free. I also want to play tribute to our brilliant Year 6 who leave us tomorrow. They are amazing and so very talented in lots of ways and have been a real credit to our school and to you their parents and we wish them all the very best as they move up to high school.

See you all on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

Mr P.J.Lord

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