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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope you are all safe and well. It has been fantastic to see so many families on site over the last few weeks and I would like to thank you for your positive feedback in telling me how impressed you are with our social distancing arrangements, staggered drop offs and pick-ups, extra cleaning and sanitising stations around the school.

Our priority always is and always will be making the school as safe as possible in these unprecedented times.

September 2020 opening:

I am sure that you have seen on the news a lot regarding schools in September 2020. Latest Government guidance was released late last week, so after having some time to digest this and make plans I can let you know the following:

- **Kings Primary will re-open for all pupils on MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2020.** Some new to school pupils in Nursery and Reception may have a staggered start- we will write to individual families to let you know if this applies to you.
- Shielding comes to an end on 1st August 2020 so the Government expectation is that ALL pupils will return to school in September in ALL year groups.
- As per government guidance, fines may apply for pupils who do not return to school.

In the event of any recurrence of COVID-19 then there will be localised lockdowns and pupils will continue with their learning at home.

School Day times Autumn Term 2020:

Nursery: part time places as normal- you will receive a letter with further information.

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6:

Monday- Thursday 8.45am-3.15pm, Friday 8.45am -12.00 midday

Please note as from Friday 5th June 2020, we have closed every Friday at 12.00 for deep cleaning. This has been very successful in keeping our pupils, staff and parents safe and therefore will continue into Autumn Term at least. We will be having an 'Anti-static' clean throughout the school- this needs over 60 hours to take effect, hence closing at 12.00 Midday every Friday until further notice.

Safety Measures: We have completed a great deal of detailed work to put in place all of the measures needed to make Ark Kings Primary phase as safe as it can be for our pupils and staff. Classes will have no more than 30 children and each class will not mix with any other groups; each class will have an assigned teacher/s. The time children arrive and leave school will be staggered between 8.30 and 9.00am and then again at 3.00-3.20pm. This is to ensure no 'gathering' outside of the school gates. Breakfast will be served for all pupils free of charge in the classrooms. There will not be a separate breakfast club.

Guidance to note for all pupils returning from 7th September 2020:

- Children coming into school **will return in their school uniform including black school shoes.**
- Please send your child's PE kit into school as normal.
- Please ensure your child's book bag is brought into school every day, other bags are allowed.
- Please ensure all medication requirements for your child is in school and the appropriate forms have been filled in at the school office.
- All Children will be provided with **free breakfast and a break time snack.** Children entitled to FSM will continue to have these. **If your child is not entitled to FSM you will need to pay for your child's meal at the school office or provide them with a packed lunch.**

COVID-19 Symptoms:

Anyone with symptoms should immediately arrange to have a Coronavirus test. If a pupil's test is negative, they can come back to school. If the test is positive, they cannot come back to school until they have recovered, the minimum time they must stay at home is 7 days. If your child has a Coronavirus test, you must let us know the result as soon as possible. If the test is positive, we will need to advise everyone in their class group to stay home for 14 days.

All the information about what to do if you have symptoms is available the Government website here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Infection control at school:

At school, we will make sure that children wash their hands often. Please make sure that your child understands that it is important that they wash their hands regularly for 20 seconds using soap and water and that they cough and sneeze safely into a tissue or their elbow.

We have also increased our hand washing and sanitising stations throughout the school. Shared areas such as the halls and dining room will not be in operation to ensure any possible infection is not spread.

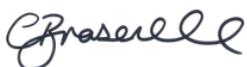
Every Friday afternoon, we will be having a deep clean, hence the closing at 12.00 midday every Friday to ensure that the anti-static cleans has over 60 hours to take effect.

Mental Health and Well-Being:

This has been a very unsettling time for everyone, and we want to make sure that all of our children enjoy their time at school when they return. We know that some of our pupils may be anxious about coming back to school, some may have had relatives who have been ill with the virus, others may have been bereaved. We will do our very best to make sure that all children are supported and enjoy returning to learning at school. Please do let us know if your child might need some extra help when they come back. As always, we are here to support you.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Brasenell
Primary Headteacher