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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: September 2020

As you are no doubt aware, the Government have confirmed that all children will return to full time education as of September 2020. With this announcement comes lots of questions which we hope this letter will be able to answer for you.

First and foremost, I think it important to reassure you once again, that every safety measure possible has and will continue to be taken for our children to return to school. Some will have spent time with us over the last few weeks, perhaps months, and the safety measure we have taken for this to happen will continue.

Secondly, I would also like to assure you that every decision we have made has not been done lightly. With careful consideration and in consultation with staff, we intend to open our doors in September and welcome children into our happy, inspiring and loved school where they can return to their learning with confidence and a smile on their face.

The information below is intended to help you prepare for the forthcoming new academic year. Please regularly check our website at www.bloemfontein.durham.sch.uk for any updates as more information becomes available to us. Day to day information will also continue to be posted on our school and partnership Facebook pages.

Teachers have also put a **welcome letter onto the website under the section 'new starters 2020'** then follow the link to the class page.

ALL YEAR GROUPS WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL

Returning to school in September is no longer optional, therefore, all children will be expected to do so. As this is a mandatory return, fines will be in place for those failing to do so without good reason.

If your child is unable to return to school in September it is essential you contact our Attendance Officer Mr. Shaw on **07914143634 or 01207 232198** to discuss this further.

START DATES & TIMES

Our school officially re-opens on Wednesday 2nd September 2020.

I will be sending out a separate letter to our Reception new starters to explain visit times and start times.

The plan is for all children (with the exception of current Reception class – please see below) to go into their new classroom starting from the first day. They will spend that first day with the staff they worked with this year so that they have adults they know well helping them to settle back into school. From the Thursday their new staff will start to work with the children so that they start to get to know each other and are then together fully from the following Monday.

Current Reception children will go into the Reception classroom that they already know well for the first day and staff will start to bring them over in small groups to see their new classroom.

I really hope that this plan helps children to settle back in and that they are well supported by staff who know them all well.

It will be necessary to continue to stagger start and finish times at the moment although this may be something that changes further down the line. Planned times for September are:





Reception:	9.00am – 3.00pm (once have had opportunity for staggered visits and play and stay sessions)
Year 1:	8.45am – 2.45pm
Year 2:	9.00am – 3.00pm
Year 3:	8.45am – 2.45pm
Year 4:	9.00am – 3.00pm
Year 5:	9.15am – 3.15pm
Year 6:	9.15am – 3.15pm

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Breakfast club will still take place for those who need it, for child care purposes only, from 8am. If you do need your child to attend this please let me know as soon as possible so I can plan for staffing. We will however, make sure that ALL children who would like a breakfast can have one in their classroom when they arrive at the above start times - tasty toast for everyone!

DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP

Unless restrictions change between now and September, you should assume that we will retain our rules around dropping off and picking up your little one, i.e. our one-way system will remain in place, therefore, please adhere to it at all times and only one adult should be on school premises. Should you need to bring a younger sibling then please ensure they always stay with you.

It is essential that whilst on our school premises you fully adhere to the social distancing guidelines in place at the time of your visit.

Reception children will come in through the main gate and wait at the bottom of the far ramp until a member of staff arrives.

Year 1 children will continue to arrive and leave using the driveway into the playground and parents will wait (socially distancing) at the bottom of the ramp.

Year 2 children will use the side door (labelled staff entrance) and a member of staff will be at this door to welcome children.

Year 3, 4 and 5 children will use the hall door and times will be staggered.

Year 6 children will be in the prefab building (the same classroom as last year) and will go up the stairs into their classroom.

There will be a staff member on the crossing to make sure you all know exactly which way to go.

UNIFORM

We will return to full uniform in September. We feel it important, now more than ever, for our children to feel a sense of belonging and part of our school community and uniform helps us achieve this.

Our uniform consists of a white polo shirt, royal blue jumper, black or grey trousers/skirt and black school shoes (no high heels). It is worth noting that a school badge jumper is not essential so please do not put you family under any financial pressure to purchase this. If you do want to purchase a jumper with the school logo on please follow the instructions below.

- Go to: <https://totstoteams.com>
- Click on Schools
- Either Click on **B** or type in Bloemfontein Primary School and select 
- Double click on School Logo
- Click on **My Account** (top right-hand corner) and Register
- Select uniform





PE will return to our curriculum in September and so again, children should wear their PE uniform when participating. Our PE uniform consists of white plain t-shirt (no collar), black or navy-blue shorts and appropriate change of footwear.

All the above uniform items can be purchased locally at ASDA or Matalan.

SCHOOL MEALS

School meals will operate as normal, however, please note a slight increase to their cost to £2.10. Meals should be paid for in advance via Parent Pay.

If your child has packed lunch, please ensure any packed lunch box and water bottle can be easily cleaned and this is done every evening. Our healthy packed lunch guidelines will remain unchanged.

TEST & TRACE

It is very important that we control any outbreak of Covid-19 in our school, therefore, should this happen, all staff and children will be required to engage with the Test and Trace process.

Should a member of staff or child develop symptoms whilst in school they will be sent home to self-isolate and are required to undertake a Covid-19 test. To avoid any confusion, this is something you will be required to arrange, school will not do this on your behalf.

If a member of **your child's household tests positive for Covid-19** you have a duty to inform us.

School closures, either full or partial, will only be decided by the Public Health England team who we will liaise with should any of the above occur.

I appreciate there is a lot of information and I have no doubt there will be more as we near September. In the meantime, should you have any questions please contact me via telephone (01207 232198), class dojo or email l.liddell200@durhamlearning.net and I will try to help as much as I can. Also if you need any help or support please contact me.

Many, many thanks for your amazing support - without it we would not have the amazing school we have. The staff and I cannot wait to have our Font families back in September and know you will work with us to make 2020-21 an amazing year for our children.

Many thanks, take care and keep smiling!

Laura Liddell

Headteacher

