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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a great holiday and had the chance to enjoy the lovely weather we have been having. We are all looking forward to the new term and welcoming the children back to school next Thursday. I will follow this letter in the first few days of term with a regular newsletter to inform you about events that are planned for this coming term and diary dates for the year. However, this letter is to give you the information you need about how we are planning for the reopening of school under the recently updated Covid-19 recommendations and guidelines.

Although this letter contains quite a lot of detail, the main message is that the approaches, systems and guidance we were working to in July will largely continue in the new term. This means that most of the content of this letter is here to remind you about what we were already doing.

Principles we are working to

- Year groups will be in 'bubbles' in school and will not mix. They will have separate play spaces, staggered break and lunchtimes and allocated toilet cubicles.
- Children will not physical distance within their classes, but adults still will need to distance from each other and from children by at least 1m.
- Staff will have to remain at least 1m away from children, except for very short periods, e.g passing in a corridor.
- We will continue to minimise sharing of resources across 'bubbles'.
- We are still unable to use the play equipment outside. This includes after school, so please ensure your children are with you and you leave promptly to avoid the temptation! Staff will enforce this if they see children using the equipment.

Uniform

As I mentioned at the end of last term, children will be expected to come to school in their uniform. This will be usual uniform and PE kit on these days. Teachers will confirm PE days at the start of term. Please ensure children are wearing the correct uniform please, especially sensible school shoes. Summer uniform can continue to be worn whilst the weather lasts!

Assemblies and Meetings

The continuation of the rules around large gatherings means that we are unable to hold live assemblies nor parents' meetings. We will instead be visiting classes and using other tools, such as Youtube and our website to share some of the information about the term ahead. It does also mean for the moment that PTA events are unable to take place, which is a real shame too.

Drop off and Pick Up Arrangements

As you will see below, we are continuing to use the same procedures for pick up and drop off as before - but as the children have now moved up a year group, please be sure to check on where your child needs to be dropped off and picked up.

With the exception of Nursery and Reception, which have a staggered start that has already been communicated to parents, Year 1-6 children all arrive between 8:30 and 8:45am. **All children must be in class at 8:45am.**

As children arrive at school, they must walk straight to their classes via the correct route. Once again, parents are not allowed to enter the building. Rest assured our team will be on hand to support the children as they arrive, especially in the first few days. Please ensure no children arrive early and wait in the playground- if they arrive before 8:30, they must be enrolled in Breakfast Club.

Year	Finish Time	Entrance/Exit Point	Parent Waiting area (end of school)
Year 1	3pm	Entrance: Front of school, side gate by the Year 3 classroom (staff will be on duty here). Exit: Hall doors	In front of hall.
Year 2	3pm	Outside area of Year 2 classroom on playground side.	Netball court
Year 3	3pm	Year 3 outside area at front of school.	Front of school.
Year 4	3:10	Entrance: Front of school side gate by Year 3 classroom. Enter through rear door and walk through library. Exit: Hall doors	In front of hall.
Year 5	3:10	Playground door	Field
Year 6	3pm	Playground door	Field

Please help us by...

- Making sure your child is at school on time, and not before.
- Collect your child from school on time.
- Leaving the school site as soon as your child/children are collected.
- Children are welcome to cycle and walk to school as normal, and must arrive between 8:30 and 8:45.

Attendance and Medical Needs

- The expectation is that all children and young people should now attend school unless they are isolating because they or a household member has symptoms of COVID-19 or there are other reasons for absence (such as shielding due to health conditions).
- Parents should notify their child's school/college, as normal, if their child is unable to attend so that staff are aware.
- Children and young people who are at high and moderate risk of illness from COVID-19 are encouraged to attend school.
- Children and parents who feel that it is not safe to return to school, owing to a child or young person's particular circumstances or medical condition, are advised to contact their child's specialist doctor to discuss their situation where they have not yet done so. If it's decided, following discussion between the doctor, child and parents or guardian, that the risk of returning to school outweighs the benefits, then the child is not expected to return.
- Higher risk children should be cautious to follow physical distancing and other public health guidance and advice while they are at school, where they are able to understand and follow this.
- For any pupils not returning to school due to shielding, we will make decisions about how best to support and educate these pupils.

What if I have just returned from holiday?

- Children returning to Jersey with a green travel history should not attend school until all member of the family that have travelled receive a negative test result.
- Children with an amber or red travel history should not attend until they have completed the necessary isolation period; for amber countries this is until they have received a negative day 5 test result, for red countries this is 14 days.
- Children should not attend until their parents and other family members that have travelled have also completed the necessary isolation period; for amber countries this is until they have received a negative day 5 test result, for red countries this is 14 days.
- Please inform us by email or phone if this applies to you.
- If you are unsure, please check the undated list of countries listed as Amber and Red.

What if my child has symptoms or is ill?

- **If your child has any symptoms that could be associated with Covid-19, they MUST NOT come to school.** You should phone the helpline (01534 445566) where they will most likely be offered a swab test.
- **Symptoms include** a new continuous cough and/or fever which may be accompanied by one or more of the following:
 - headaches
 - tiredness
 - muscle ache
 - respiratory symptoms besides cough such as a sore throat, blocked or runny nose
 - gastro-intestinal symptoms can also be a feature of COVID 19 and these are more common in children than adults

- loss of smell and taste (in some cases this may be the only symptom present)
- Once the test comes back, if it is positive you must follow the advice, which will likely be to self-isolate your whole family for 14 days or until you are all symptom free. A process of contact tracing will then begin. If it is negative, then the helpline staff will advise what to do.
- During this period, if we see any child with symptoms of Covid-19, we will contact you immediately so that they can be collected and taken home.
- Our multi-function room (where we usually house Breakfast Club) is set up as the designated room for unwell children.
- If your child becomes unwell during school with symptoms that could be Covid-19, then a first aider will be called, will put on PPE, and will escort your child to the multifunction room and make sure they are well looked after.
- You will be asked to collect your child from the exterior door to the multifunction room.
- We will inform the helpline, and will ask you to do the same, and follow their advice.
- The multifunction room will be deep cleaned after use.
- We will not be taking any chances, so do expect to be called if your child has any symptoms. If your child has a fever or any other medical condition that could be mistaken for Covid-19 symptoms, do let us know.

Does my child need to wear a mask?

No - children and staff are not expected to wear masks, although staff members supporting children that are unwell will wear PPE. Children and staff can wear cloth masks if they wish to.

What if I hear there might be a case of Covid-19 in school?

- The Headteacher will be informed if there is a case in school from the Contact Tracing team.
- Further guidance will follow from the Contact Tracing team and infection control team.
- Individuals or parents of children that may have been in contact with the infected person will be contacted directly by the contact tracing team.
- As appropriate, there will be further communication with parents.
- Deep cleaning of the school will take place in the relevant areas.
- Please take care not to react to rumours about this that you might hear from others - these may not be true, and can create unnecessary alarm.

How will we ensure all areas are cleaned well?

- We have a comprehensive cleaning strategy in place, with onsite cleaners in school during the day.
- Toilets and touch points (e.g. light switches, rails, handles) will be cleaned hourly throughout the school day.
- Sanitiser, wipes and tissues will be provided in every class.
- Handwashing will continue to be promoted and new posters will be by every sink to explain the process. As a MINIMUM, children will wash hands on arrival, before break, after break, before lunch, after lunch, before the end of day.

Parents and Visitors to School

- Please ensure when you are at school you remain at least 1m away from other parents and staff at all times.
- Avoid congestion when using gates and other narrow areas – please be patient!
- Parents will not be allowed into the school building, except the porch area one at a time.
- You must drop at the allocated place, for younger children, teachers will greet you at these places.
- Contact school via email/phone- do not visit school in person unless absolutely necessary. If you need to drop something off, please use the red post box outside the front door.
- The school office is now located at the very front of the building where sanitiser will be to use on arrival.
- You must inform us if a different person is collecting from normal, because without this information teachers will not release your child.
- Park at Les Creux, walk or cycle - avoid using the car park even if you have permission unless absolutely necessary, to avoid overcrowding. Do not park in the shop car park or at the golf course...as usual!

What will my child be doing at school?

- We will be returning to our full curriculum offer.
- We will continue to do lots of activities outdoors, weather permitting.
- Read, Write Inc and small group work will begin very soon.
- Our ELSA team will be on hand to support as needed.

What else do I need to remember?

- Children must bring to school a water bottle, a healthy snack and a packed lunch.
- On sunny days, please apply sun cream before school. As we head into autumn, the weather is very changeable, so please send in a raincoat for wet days.

- Make sure your child has any medication they need, e.g inhalers. Let us know if your child is taking any other medication.
- Please let us know if your child has hay fever or any other medical condition that could be mistaken for Coronavirus symptoms.
- Children are able to bring their own sanitiser and tissues if they wish.

Breakfast Club

We are planning to reopen our Breakfast Club from Monday 7th September. This will be at a reduced cost as we will be unable to offer food at present. Further details will follow very soon.

After School Clubs:

Information about clubs will follow early next term.

Checklist for parents and carers (from Education Guidance)

1. Monitor your child's health and keep them home from school if they are ill.
2. Teach and model good hygiene practices for your children:
 - a. Explain that they should wash their hands with soap and water frequently. As a minimum, children should wash their hands when leaving home, before and after eating, after using any shared equipment/resources, after using the toilet, after sneezing or coughing and on returning home
 - b. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitiser (with 60-70% alcohol content). Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty
 - c. Ensure waste (such as used tissues) is safely collected, stored and disposed of
 - d. Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow and avoid touching your face, eyes, mouth, nose
3. Encourage your children to ask questions and express their feelings with you and their teachers. Remember that your child may have different reactions to stress; be patient and understanding
4. Prevent stigma by using facts and reminding your children to be considerate of one another
5. Explain to your child why it's important that they must arrive and leave the grounds at their allotted time
6. Let younger children know that parents are not allowed into the provision and they will say goodbye to them outside the door where they will be met by a member of staff they know
7. At pick up time talk to your child about trying to remember all their things
8. Let younger children know that you will be waiting outside to collect them
9. Coordinate with the school to receive information and ask how you can support school safety efforts

Checklist for children (from Education Guidance)

1. Know that you are not alone and talk to someone you trust, like your parent or teacher so that you can help keep yourself and your school safe and healthy. Ask questions, educate yourself and get information from reliable sources. In a situation like this it is normal to feel sad, worried, confused, scared or angry.
2. Protect yourself and others, so
 - Wash your hands frequently, always with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
 - Remember to not touch your face
 - Do not share cups, eating utensils, food or drinks with others
3. Be a leader in keeping yourself, your school, family and community healthy, so
 - Share what you learn about preventing disease with your family and friends, especially with younger children
 - Model good practices such as sneezing or coughing into your elbow and washing your hands, especially for younger family members
4. Don't tease anyone about being sick; remember that the virus doesn't follow geographical boundaries, ethnicities, age, ability or gender.
5. Tell your parents, another family member, or a caregiver if you feel sick, and ask to stay at home.

And finally...

As you may have noticed, work is going on to install a new zebra crossing in front of school. This is due to be completed by the start of term, so hopefully will ensure it is safer for everyone to cross the road at the beginning and the end of the day. Please talk to your children about how to use a zebra crossing safely. Mr. Thomas will continue to support the crossing of this road at least for the time being and will remind the children about how to use the

