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Dear Parents/Carers,

The beginning of the new academic year for children is rapidly approaching. We are looking forward to welcoming them back to school and to meeting the new year 3 intake.

The last update to government guidance was made on Friday 28th August. It is this guidance that we will be following when we open to the children on Monday 7th September. I apologise in advance for the length of this letter.

Prevention

There are a number of actions that schools must take and have in place all the time. These are:

“Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.”

Please ensure that you do not send your child to school if your child or a member of your household has Covid-19 symptoms.

Any children who have shown symptoms of Covid-19 should inform the school of a negative test result before returning to school

The school will send home any child that becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature. Government guidelines relating to isolating and testing should then be followed. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works#people-who-develop-symptoms-of-coronavirus>

Please also note that If your child is unwell and may need to spend time in the office, we would ask that you do not send them to school. Under normal conditions we would be able to keep children in the office, but unfortunately due to this exceptional circumstance that we are currently in we are unable to do this.

“Where recommended, use of face coverings in schools.”

This is currently not necessary at Rokesly as primary aged children do not need to wear face coverings at school.

“Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.”

Children will be asked to wash their hands with soap and water regularly in the classroom and when they use the toilet. Hand sanitiser is available for the children to use in the classrooms. Please do not send your child into school with their own individual hand sanitiser.

“Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach.”

The catch it, bin it, kill it approach will be constantly reinforced and encouraged at school. We shall provide your child with an individual packet of tissues.

“Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach.”

The toilets will be cleaned during the day as well as at the end of each day.

Laptops and equipment being shared between pods will be wiped between each use.

Only one-year group a week will be permitted to use the climbing frame in the playground, it will be cleaned down prior to another group using it.

The cleaners will focus on the cleaning of more high touch areas such as desks, light switches, door handles etc.

In addition,

“Schools must do everything possible to minimise contacts and mixing while delivering a broad and balanced curriculum.”

In planning for the return to school we have taken all of these things in to account and one of our main approaches to minimising the risk of transmission is to limit the number of interactions between people and to ensure that as far as possible adults maintain a 2m distance from the children and each other.

Groupings

The children will be in their class pod for the majority of the school day. However, at break times and lunchtimes the pod will increase to be part of a year group bubble of 90. Each bubble will have a specific start time, break time, lunchtime and finishing time. Each of the year group bubbles will not be permitted to interact whilst at school.

The Classroom

In the classroom the children will be seated in pairs at each table. The tables will be arranged to face forwards and each pair will sit side by side. The children will sit with the same partner at the same table every day.

Start and Finish Times

Each year group bubble will start and finish school at the same time.

	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance
Year 3	8:45	3:00	Main school gate (Rokesly Avenue)
Year 4	8:45	3:00	Main playground (Elmfield Avenue)
Year 5	9:00	3:15	Main playground (Elmfield Avenue)
Year 6	9.05	3:20	Main playground (Elmfield Avenue)

Please note for Monday 7th September, Tuesday 8th September and Wednesday 9th September ONLY year 3 children will start at 9.10am and finish at 3,00pm. They should use the Elmfield Road entrance into the main playground in the mornings. At the end of the day they should be collected from the classroom doors at the front of the school on Rokesly Avenue. As of Thursday 10th September, they should use the Rokesly Avenue entrance where they line up and go straight into class.

All children lining up in the main playground should line up by their class number ensuring some distance between themselves and the child in front.

We would ask that only parents new to the school pass the barriers in the playground in the first week. As of week 2, all parents will be asked to remain behind the barriers. If you would like to speak with your child's class teacher please contact the school office and leave a message for the teacher.

Please remember to socially distance if you have to wait for children in different year groups in the playground.

Unfortunately, children with siblings in the infants will no longer be able to walk to infant school classrooms to enable one pick up, and must be collected separately. For the few parents where pick up times for juniors and infants clash, please contact one of the school offices to discuss flexibility.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school promptly and is collected promptly.

If your child is in years 5 or 6 and will be walking to and from school alone please email the school office at admin@rokesly-jun.haringey.sch.uk giving your permission for your child to do this. We will not allow a child to walk home alone without parent/carer permission.

Any child that is late to school in the morning will need to come through the main school entrance.

The School Day

Each year group has its own individual timetable.

Year 3	
8:45 - 9:00	– Registration / times tables / conferencing
9:00 – 10:00	– Session 1
10:00 - 10:20	– Break
10:20 – 11:00	– Session 2
11:00 – 11:30	– Big Read/Grammar
11:30 - 12:25	– Lunch
12:25 - 15:00	– Afternoon Session/s

Year 4	
8.45 - 9:00	– Registration / times tables / conferencing
9:00 – 9:30	– Big Read / Grammar
9:30 - 10:25	– Session 1
10:25 – 10.45	– Break
10:45 - 12:00	– Session 2
12:00 – 12:50	– Lunch
12.50 - 15:00	– Afternoon Session/s

Year 5	
9:00 – 9:15	– Registration / times tables / conferencing
9:15 – 9:45	– Big Read / Grammar
9:45 - 10:50	– Session 1
10:50 - 11:10	– Break
11:10 - 12:35	– Session 2
12:35 - 13:15	– Lunch
13:15 - 15:15	– Afternoon Session/s

Year 6	
9:05 – 9:20	– Registration / times tables / conferencing
9:20 – 9:50	– Big Read / Grammar
9:50 – 11:15	– Session 1
11:15 - 11:35	– Break
11:35 - 13:00	– Session 2
13:00 - 13:40	– Lunch
13:40 - 15:20	– Afternoon Session/s

Lunchtime Arrangements

Children will sit with their class pod at lunchtimes, but the entire year group bubble will have lunch at the same time.

The tables will be cleaned between each year group sitting.

Different year group bubbles will not mix during the lunch break.

All children that are entitled to free school meals will be able have a hot meal everyday as usual.

All other children will be able to purchase a school meal as usual. The cost of a meal is £2.45 a day. Parents of children in year 3 please note that now your child is a junior aged child there is no longer an entitlement to universal free school meals.

A menu will be sent home later on in the term.

Curriculum Arrangements

We shall continue to deliver all key stage 2 National Curriculum subjects. All subjects will be taught, including those offered by our specialist music, French and PE teachers. We shall however, place an increased emphasis on children's key skills and mental health and wellbeing, as well as addressing any gaps in their knowledge.

The children will not sing and will not attend swimming lessons.

There will be a weekly virtual whole school assembly.

Once the children have settled back into school their teachers will be assessing them both formally and informally to identify and then address gaps in learning.

Whole Class Instrumental Teaching (WCIT)

Children in year 4 all learn to play a musical instrument. We shall continue with this, but the sessions will be delivered in small groups in one of the school halls.

Educational Visits

We do not currently have any school trips planned, but we shall review this as the term progresses.

YMCA Update

The government has recently published guidance for after school clubs. I am currently liaising with the YMCA to organise the reopening of breakfast club and after school club. It is unlikely that they will be able to start on 7th September, but hopefully something will be in place soon. I will keep you updated.

Sports Clubs

We are hoping to run before and after school sports clubs soon. However, each club will be restricted to children in a specific year group bubble. More information will follow soon.

Attendance

Attendance at school is compulsory for all Rokesly children as of the 7th September unless a statutory reason applies e.g. a child is unable to attend because they are unwell.

Additional Information

- Children are only permitted to bring essentials to school i.e. coats, PE kits, fruit for break, packed lunch and water. They do not need to bring any stationery.

- Please do not come into the school building unless you have an appointment or it is an emergency. You are welcome to contact us by phone or email.
- Do not congregate at the school gates or outside on the pavement when waiting to collect your child. Spread out on the school premises.
- Please try to walk, scoot or cycle to school where possible.
- The classrooms will be slightly cooler than usual as the windows will constantly be open.

The last two weeks of the summer term gave us all a chance to see how things could work with all children back at school. I think the main lesson learnt by us as a school during this period is that things are ever changing and we have to be flexible whilst keeping the health and safety of the children and the adults at the forefront of all we do. So, things will probably change as government guidance changes or we may need to adjust things to meet the needs of our school. I will continue to communicate with you on a regular basis.

As a staff team we love our jobs and we continue to endeavour to give your children the best educational experience that we possibly can.

I look forward to seeing you all next week for the start of the new academic year.

Warmest wishes,

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