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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school next week. We have been developing our plans to fully reopen on **September 2nd 2020** in line with DFE guidance. This can be viewed on our website, alongside subsequent amendments.

We are offering a limited number of appointments for parents to come and view our school on Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th or Friday 28th of August in readiness for our opening. Should you wish to arrange a visit, please contact the school via head@saltersgate-inf.doncaster.sch.uk. Please note, these appointments will be given on a first come-first served basis.

The headlines from the guidance are:

- We will reopen to all year groups, full-time, on September 2nd 2020.
- We will need to stagger start and finish times and have separate entrances/exits in order to manage the social distancing for families on arrival and departure from school. Please follow the one-way system around the school site and try to social distance from others where possible. We are aware that some children will have siblings in the Junior school and thus both our school and the Junior school have worked together to try to co-ordinate these times across both schools.
- After consultation with Governors and the LA, we have decided that both our school and the Junior school will be closed every Friday afternoon, to all classes except Nursery. During this time, we have arranged for the school to have a 'deep clean' as an additional safety measure to help reduce the risk of infection and to further ensure the safety of our pupils and staff. Please be assured that due to the restructure of our timetable, children are not missing any valuable teaching time, and that this is a temporary arrangement during these unprecedented times. Please note, due to the mid-week start during the first week, school **WILL remain open for the whole day on Friday 4th September.**

	Start Time	Finish Time	Friday Finish Time
Nursery AM	8.30am	11.30am	11.30am
Nursery PM	12.10pm	3.10pm	3.10pm
Nursery 30 hours	8.30am	2.30pm	2.30pm
Reception	9.00am	3.15pm	12.45pm
Year One	8.50am	3.05pm	12.35pm
Year Two	8.40am	2.55pm	12.25pm



- All pupils will have their lunch as usual before the school closes on Friday.
- Each class will be in its own bubble and children won't move between bubbles during the school day. Whilst adults can move between bubbles in order to facilitate the efficient operation of the school timetable, we have tried to limit these within school.
- Bubbles of children will have playtimes and lunch times together, but will not mix with any other children from different bubbles.
- The increased focus on good hygiene practices will remain, with additional hand-washing and cleaning, as well as reminders about respiratory hygiene (blow your nose with a tissue, catch it, bin it, kill it).
- Normal attendance procedures and our uniform policy will be reinstated. Attendance will become statutory again and all pupils will be expected to attend every day. Holidays will not be authorised during term time.

THE CURRICULUM

Our curriculum will be broad and ambitious, ensuring our pupils continue to receive a high-quality education that promotes their development. This will be informed by initial assessments of each pupil's starting point, enabling staff to identify gaps in skills and knowledge, and re-establish the good progress that our pupils have already made.

We will also focus upon the PSHE curriculum, supporting our pupils to rebuild friendships and relationships with others, to understand the issues surrounding loss, and to support their wellbeing, discussing anxieties and worries they may have. Forest School will also be an integral part of our school curriculum, with all children having access to our outdoor learning. Please ensure your child comes prepared!

SEPTEMBER LUNCHES

We will continue to offer our Reception, Year One and Year Two pupils packed lunches only, with a choice of four sandwich fillings; cheese, ham, egg or tuna. There will be no cost for pupils in these classes as this offer is part of the Universal Free School Meals scheme. All packed lunches will be eaten either in the classroom or outside for at least the first half term, with additional measures in place to promote hygiene. Nursery children who access our 30-hour provision will have a choice of a packed lunch or hot meal during the day, costing £2.20 per day. Hot meals for **all** pupils will resume once we can be certain that our school is ready to offer them safely.

BUDDIES – External Provider of Wraparound Care

The DfE published guidance for Out of School Providers, detailing the measures necessary for their safe opening. We have been in contact with Buddies regarding their risk assessments for their reopening, hopefully mid-September (week beginning 7th September). For detailed information, please contact Little Buddies on 07710528522.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have been in contact with KIXX to discuss after school clubs in September. Once again, KIXX have their own risk assessment and any clubs that run, will strictly follow the guidance issued to keep staff and participants safe.

RESPONSE TO ANY INFECTION

It is important to remember that anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms should book a test which is available for all children, including those under 5. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#) , or ordered by phone via NHS 119. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and will be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. If the test is positive, it is important that you provide details of anyone you have been in close contact with.

If someone tests negative, or if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

If someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

Please could we continue to ask all parents to update us as regards any changes in details; phone numbers, email addresses, postal addresses etc. It is essential that we have this up-to-date information if we are to continue to be able to communicate with you effectively.

May we take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Saltersgate family for their support during the last six months, and look forward to welcoming all our pupils, including our new starters, back to school next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bell

