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**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

Dear Year 6 Prefects and Parents,

In light of the recent announcement, we are delighted to be returning to school on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.

The amount of effort and hard work that has been displayed over the previous weeks has been truly fantastic and it is a credit to each and every one of you. I have been truly impressed with your attitude and enthusiasm towards our Skype learning sessions and I don't think I have ever met a Year 6 group of children like you. Thank you for being wonderful and making my job so enjoyable despite the very different times.

However, we are pleased to say a return to the classroom has finally arrived! That being said, the return to school will not be exactly how we all know and love it. Our number one priority is to maintain your safety, so there have been some strategies put in place to ensure you all meet the expectations for social distancing and maintain personal hygiene levels to avoid the spread of any germs.

### **So, what can you expect on your return to Attenborough School?**

#### **Arriving in school**

You will arrive to school by car through the main gate. You will be greeted by Mr Chapman at the school's main entrance and be expected to use hand sanitiser before entering the school building. Everyone who enters the school building must be wearing or will be provided with a face and nose covering. You will then keep your social distance from others and walk directly to your year group classrooms.

#### **Working areas**

Shared areas such as cloakrooms, ICT suite and the school hall will not be in use. However, key working areas have been organised to meet the social distancing standards. Each classroom has been arranged to provide every individual with their own safe working space and room for their personal belongings and resources each day.

#### **Classroom air circulation**

All teachers have been instructed to open the windows and doors to their classrooms for the entire day to improve air circulation. Statistics state that good air circulation or outdoor learning, can reduce the spread of germs.

We would advise that individuals wear appropriate school uniform and bring additional jumpers, tights or trousers to ensure you stay warm throughout the school day, should the weather be cooler as all windows and doors in classrooms will remain open throughout the school day. When possible, we will partake in outdoor learning.



## **School Day**

Our school day will also look a little different to what you might usually expect.

To reduce the risk of accidental contact, we have reduced break and lunch times and created safe social distancing areas for year groups to sit and eat their snacks/ packed lunch. Due to this shorter period of 'free time', the school day will also be shorter than before.

## **Packed Lunch and Snacks**

We ask that you bring a snack and packed lunch each day. As part of the phase opening, we would like to avoid large gathering or shared use of central areas. Therefore, the hall and kitchen will not be in use during the first part of our return. As the weather gets warmer, it is advised that you also have an ice pack in your lunch box.

## **School timings below for our year group**

Each year group has been given a slightly different timetable. This will allow us to stagger arrival and departure times. It also enables us to ensure social distancing measures are kept to at all times. In addition to this, the school day and week will be shorter than usual. Please see the timetable below for your specific times.

## **Home/ Remote Learning for our year group**

As stated on the timetable above, our working week will be slightly shorter and will still include a day at home. Therefore, we intend to set a small home learning project that can be completed during these days.

## **Going home**

At the end of the day, you will be instructed to clear your individual workstation in your classroom (apart from the provided stationary) and also take all of your belongings with you. On exiting your classroom via the fire exit doors, your teacher will expect you to apply hand sanitiser prior to walking to Mr Chapman, who will ensure you meet your parent safely.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday,

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Cunningham