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Dear parents,

We are excited about the whole school returning in September and have been busy planning to ensure this can happen as safely as possible for all pupils, staff and parents. You will already know which teachers your children will be with and you will be aware that we will be operating year groups as single units and therefore minimising any mixing with other year groups. This is to ensure infection control and means that if a child or adult within one year group becomes ill, there will be limited risk of passing the infection on to anybody outside of that year group. Currently, the school is part of a public health research project until the summer where staff and pupils have been swabbed weekly. No COVID infections have been found to date.

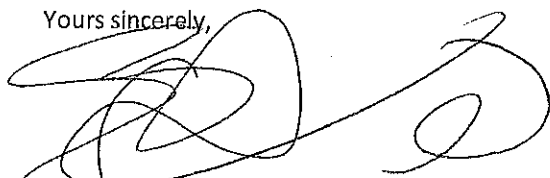
As a result of government guidance on protective measures, there have been and will be some changes to school when your child returns in September. Parent access to the school site and the school building must be limited. There is a waiting system outside the office and parents who need to visit the office must wait outside until called in. There is a one way system in place to enter and exit the school. Additional cleaning and hygiene measures have been in place since March and parents are encouraged to use the hand sanitisers in the main office on entrance to the building.

Pupils in years 5 and 6 must come into the school site on their own without parents at 8.45am. They will finish and will exit through the main gate at 3:15pm, again parents must not come onto the school site. Pupils in years 3 and 4 should come into school at 8.50am through the main gate and again should not be accompanied by parents. At the end of the day, parents for years 3 and 4 should come into school at 3:20pm to collect their children. There will be a strict one way system in place, which has been in place for year 1 and Reception parents during the summer term. This is to ensure that the number of adults on site at any time is reduced and that access to the site is managed safely. To that end, we are hoping that during the holidays, a second gate can be installed towards the end of the key stage 2 playground to allow an easy entrance and exit route to the site. We are working hard to ensure this is done by September. Children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 can be dropped off at the gate to the key stage 1 yard and picked up here at the end of the day. Parents again should enter through the new gate and exit through the main gate, following the one way system. Reception children will finish at 3.15pm and children in years 1 and 2 will finish at 3.20pm and 3.25pm respectively.

Dinners will continue as they have this term: pupils will go into lunch together in their year group and other year groups will enter only once the dining room is empty. Assemblies as we have had them previously will not go ahead, but instead will be year group assemblies and Zoom assemblies, which we have done this term. We have planned for all the usual celebrations, but know that these may look different to how they have done previously.

We have been determined through this that the children should get the full Greenholm experience, but just in a slightly different way and I am very grateful to the staff team at Greenholm who have been and will continue to make this happen.

Yours sincerely,



Gill Turner
Head Teacher

