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Dear Parents / Carers

Arrangements for September

I hope you are enjoying the summer period and that you and your families are safe and well.

As you will have seen on the news, the Government has stated that all children should return to school from September. We have been busy at Spon Gate making sure that everything is ready for when children return. We have made some changes to how the classrooms are organised and where children will play and eat their lunch. We have also changed the times that different year groups come in to school to help parents and carers stay socially distant from each other when bringing and collecting children from school.

Children in Years 1 to 6 will return to school on Thursday 3rd September. Further information will be sent to parents and carers of children who will be joining our Nursery and Reception classes.

Children will stay in 'bubbles' whilst at school. Each year group will be one bubble. This means that children in the same year group will still be able to work and play together. Children will not be expected to socially distance from each other, but they will be encouraged to be careful when interacting with each other. Children will also be asked to wash their hands very regularly when at school, and we have bought lots of tissues, hand sanitiser and soap so that children can maintain good personal hygiene.

When children return in September, parents will not be allowed to come into the school buildings. If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, you will need to telephone to make an appointment. If you need to visit the main reception, please observe social distancing. Only one family should be in reception at a time.

Year 1 and Year 2 – Moat Building

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 should come to school at **9:00am** each day. They will need to be collected at **3:00pm**.

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 should be brought into school through the main pedestrian gate and onto the playground outside of the Moat building. They will then enter school through the Year 1 and Year 2 cloakrooms. Parents will need to leave the playground following the one way system. Children in Year 1 and Year 2 will need to be collected from the Moat playground at 3:00pm.

Year 3 and Year 5 – 3M Moat Building. 3J, 5B and 5T Doe Bank Building

Children in Year 3 and Year 5 should come to school at **8:40am** each day. They will need to be collected at **3:00pm**.

Children in Year 3 and Year 5 should be brought into school through the main pedestrian gate and onto the playground outside of the Moat building. They will then walk along the walkway to

their classrooms. Parents will not be allowed to walk with their child to the classrooms. Parents will need to leave the playground following the one way system. Children in Year 3 and Year 5 will need to be collected from the Moat playground at 3:00pm.

Year 4 and Year 6 – Spon Building

Children in Year 4 and Year 6 should come to school at **8:40am** each day. They will need to be collected at **3:00pm**.

Children in Year 4 and Year 6 should be brought into school through the gate onto the Spon playground. Children in Year 4 will enter their classrooms by walking up the external stairs into the Year 4 cloakroom. Children in Year 6 will walk across the playground and enter the school near to the library area. Parents will not be allowed to walk with their child to the classrooms. Parents will need to leave the playground following the one way system. Children in Year 4 and Year 6 will need to be collected from the Spon playground 3:00pm.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, they must NOT come to school:

- A high temperature (37.8C or higher)
- A new, persistent cough
- A change or loss of smell or taste

Anyone displaying any of the above symptoms **MUST NOT** come into school and must self-isolate for 10 days. Anyone who lives in the same household as someone displaying symptoms **MUST NOT** come into school and must self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone displaying symptoms can get a test. A negative test means that your family do not need to self-isolate for the periods set out above.

We will not be running after school clubs during the autumn term. This will mean that we can keep each bubble separate and will also allow our cleaning staff to thoroughly clean all areas of the school at the end of the school day. We will be running our Breakfast Club as usual. However, children will only be allowed to attend if a place has been booked in advance. If you need to book your child into Breakfast Club, please speak with Mrs Sherlock or contact the office.

I understand that some families may be anxious about children returning to school in September. I would like to assure you that we have put many safety measures in place to reduce the risk of infection. We will be providing regular updates to parents via our newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact the school. Whilst some members of staff are working during the summer holidays, it may not be possible for us to get back to you straight away.

I hope that you and your families enjoy the rest of the summer break, and I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 3rd September.

Yours faithfully

Jamie Wingrove
Headteacher