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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. Hopefully by now, most of you will have had a visit from your child's teacher to deliver their report and to wish them a happy holiday – this has been taking place since last Friday, so most reports have been delivered, but please bear with us if this hasn't happened just yet. Thank you again for all the work you have been doing to support your child at home and at school.

As you will know, we have been making plans for the full school opening in September.

Essential measures in the guidance from the government are as follows:

- a requirement that people who are ill or display symptoms of coronavirus stay at home
- regular handwashing
- enhanced cleaning arrangements throughout school
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- a plan for reducing contact and maximising distancing between those in school wherever possible

The children will work within classes as they have always done, but will be able to mix between their year group 'bubble' to allow them to work and play with a wider group of friends. We will avoid contact between year groups as much as possible to reduce the chance of spreading infection.

We will teach an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects from the start of term, but will also make sure that we give time to covering work that has been missed due to the pandemic. Please don't worry about what your child may or may not know. Everyone will be at different starting points and we will make sure that we find out in September exactly what every child will need to do to catch up.

In line with the official guidance, we plan to open school with staggered start and finish times, which will help to reduce congestion at the gate for both children and adults coming in and out of school.

The timings of the school day will be as follows:

Nursery	8.30am - 3.15pm (for those with full-time places)
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	8.45am - 2.45pm
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	9.00am - 3.00pm

Parents will be asked to line up outside the school gate, bearing in mind the 2 metre social distancing rules. A one-way system will then operate so that parents come in through the usual school gate but exit through the park entrance. This will be the same when you pick up your child at the end of the day. This system has been working efficiently for the children who are currently in school.



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On arrival at school, the children will be asked to remove any face masks (if wearing them), and to wash their hands. Handwashing will take place at regular intervals during the day, both in the classrooms and in the cloakrooms.

Because we are unable to mix the children in different year groups for health reasons, we will have to limit access to the hall for lunches. Each year group will have one day each week when they go to lunch in the hall, which will give them a chance to have a full hot dinner. The days for each year group to visit the hall for a hot lunch are as follows:

Monday	Reception and Year 6
Tuesday	Year 1
Wednesday	Reception and Year 4
Thursday	Year 2 and Year 5
Friday	Reception and Year 3

The rest of the week, they will eat in the classroom either before or after going out to play. This system is working very well at the moment, and the kitchen staff will extend the range of hot options available on a 'packed lunch' day.

As you will see, the Reception children have more days in the hall. This is because they will not have the tables in their classrooms for all 30 children to sit down at once. The full-time children in Nursery will also eat their lunch in a hall. I'm sure that you will appreciate that eating without sitting at a table could be messy for this age group! Hopefully the restrictions will soon be lifted and we can return to full access for lunch in the hall.

Separate letters about breakfast and after school clubs will be sent out shortly.

The government has made it clear that school attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply and all children will be expected in school every day.

Although we cannot at this moment have parents coming into school, all our staff will always be available for a chat on the phone or for a quick word outside if you need to speak to them.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the change in the timings of the day and in the usual routines, but am sure that you will appreciate that the safety of both our children and our staff remains absolutely paramount.

Thank you for your continued support and your help in making it possible to open Low Ash to all children in a safe and positive way. We very much look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Meer
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