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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are well and have had a good summer.

I thought it might be useful to send out a reminder of the plans in place for the school opening, which are broadly the same, but which have now been updated in line with the recent government guidelines re-issued last Friday evening.

The essential measures in the guidance from the government remain 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, but will be able to mix between their year group 'bubble' (this will be mainly outside) 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 exactly what every child will need to do to catch up before we start to make any real plans for the class as a whole.

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 were at school during the summer term.

On arrival at school, the children will be asked to wash their hands. Handwashing will take place at regular intervals



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during the day, both in the classrooms and in the cloakrooms. If children are wearing a face mask to come to school, they will remove it on arrival in line with the official guidance stating that 'primary school children will not need to wear a face covering'. There has been some discussion in the press about children wearing face masks, but this is for secondary children and is due to the fact that they move so much between classrooms.

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. Any child bringing their own lunch can bring it to school in their usual lunchbox/ bag as they used to previously. Nursery children will be eating lunch in a hall every day. Book bags and water bottles may be brought to school if they are named.

Breakfast Club will start on Thursday 3rd September (parents will receive confirmation of their place via School Ping tomorrow) and all other after school clubs will start week commencing Monday 14th September.

Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on PE days as it will be difficult for the children to change safely in the space available. More detail about PE days will follow from the teachers in due course, but PE lessons will start officially from Monday 7th September. We will be able to accommodate changing for children who have signed up for after school sports clubs, however.

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.

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 very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Meer
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