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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5,

I hope this letter finds you well and you are enjoying the summer break. We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September.

I write to confirm the details and arrangements for the opening of school from the 7th September following the details that you received in July. Please read the letter carefully, as it sets out all the information you will need to know for the start of term. To reduce the risk of transmission in our school community we had to make several changes to the school systems.

September Return To School Guidance:

To ensure we continue to keep everyone safe and support you and your child, we have devised clear systems and procedures, as a result we will be staggering the pupils back into school. This will allow staff time to induct pupils so as to comply with government expectations and the school risk assessment to further mitigate potential risk

Arrangements for the first week back for **Year 5** pupils are as follows:

Week beginning Monday 7th September

Year 5 will attend on **Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th September**, but **not** on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th. From the following week, children will be expected to attend every day.

School times are from **8:45am - 3:00pm prompt**, and pupils must be dropped and collected at the **main playground gates** on Fife Rd.

Uniform and Equipment for School

Pupils will be expected to wear school uniforms or school colours (Navy/black shirts/shorts/trousers, white plain tops/shirts, navy cardigans, navy/black shoes or trainers), clearly labelled with your child's name.

Pupils should bring a coat for cold and wet days but **MUST NOT BRING BAGS**. Your child will be allowed to





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bring a packed lunch, if this is your preferred choice, and a clearly labelled water bottle. Please **do not** send your child to school with any other items as this will reduce the risk of contamination/infection and will also help us to keep the classrooms tidy and hygienic.

On **PE** days pupils will be allowed to come to school dressed in their PE kits (Blue/Black tracksuits and House T shirts) to avoid changing.

Pupils will not be allowed to wear face coverings in the school building (following the government guidance and to reduce contamination).

Arrival & Dismissal Protocol:

- Only parents of pupils who may be distressed/dysregulated, SEND pupils (Only one parent will be allowed).
- No parents will be permitted into the school building unless they have an appointment. To communicate with the school please call **0207 476 1284** or send an email to info@keirhardie.newham.sch.uk
- Make sure you have given the school any changes to your contact details. We must have up-to-date telephone numbers to ensure we effectively safeguard your child.

Classroom Arrangements

Pupils will be taught in year group bubbles. We will keep these groups of pupils and adults together wherever feasible. Where this cannot take place due to the layout of the building, the needs of the pupils and the demands of the curriculum, we will make every attempt to minimise mixing of groups. We will achieve this by keeping the pupils and adults within their year groups, which is permissible as outlined in our risk assessment.

Pupils will be sitting in forward facing rows to limit risk (this does not apply to younger children). They will be provided with all the stationery that they need during the school day and this will minimise items being shared with any other pupils. Please do not send your child in with a pencil case.

The pupils will be provided with a packed lunch, which will be delivered to each classroom. We hope to provide hot lunches as soon as the safety regulations are signed off by our external lunch provider.





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Curriculum

Our teachers have been busy planning for the pupil's return to school. We are mindful that our pupils have been away from school for a long time and might be anxious about returning. Our Transition/ Recovery curriculum has a strong focus on the pupil's social and emotional wellbeing, giving children opportunities to express what they have experienced over lock down, on rebuilding attachments within the school community and on re-establishing positive learning behaviours. These are areas of strength for our schools and we are confident that we have the knowledge, skills and resources to achieve this over time. **(see attached an example of the timetable to be followed for the first few weeks to help pupils settle back into school).**

Attendance

Attendance is compulsory from September. Your child is expected to come to school daily, unless they are unwell. If your child or anyone in your household develops any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 (high fever, persistent cough, loss of taste and/or smell), **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN TO SCHOOL** and let us know as soon as possible. We will ask that the person with symptoms has a test and that you confirm a negative result before we can allow your child to come back.

Breakfast Club and After School Care

We will be resuming Breakfast Club and ASC (After School Care) from 14th September for pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Breakfast Club will begin at 8am. Any children who arrive for Breakfast Club after 8:10am will not be allowed in. Entry to Breakfast Club will be through the gate into the School Square opposite the front of the school. Children should go into the Dance Studio through the School Square door to be registered. They will then go straight to their bubbles. Breakfast Club is £1 per day.

ASC will run from the end of the school day until 6pm. Please call the school on 0207 476 1284 or 07495 900 153 to register your child for either of these clubs from 1st September.





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Vaccinations

Please see attached letter from the NHS regarding vaccinations.

Please continue to remind your child of ways to keep safe:

- Remind children to wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds using the following technique
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/866065/Handwashing_techniques.pdf
- Video <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>
- Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.' To help reduce flu infections

As a school we will continue to:

- Continue to have increased cleaning hours during the day to maintain disinfection in between use of areas, toilets, staffroom, door handles, and complete the toilet log.
- Ensure the school is well stocked with resources - lidded bins, paper towel dispensers for all children/staff toilets
- All bubbles to have soap, sprays, antibacterial wipes and disposable paper towels
- All classrooms to have soap and water, a hand sanitizing station

We know that school will be a little different for our pupils and families in the coming weeks and months, please be assured we will keep any disruptions to a minimum and we will communicate any changes. The safety of our school community remains our priority.

Please contact the school from the 1st Sept if you have any questions.

