

2 September 2020

Dear parents/carers,

I thought I would just write a quick letter to say welcome back. I have also resent the letter which was sent in July to remind you of timings etc. for this term so please do read this again to check details.

We are all so excited to at long last welcome all the children back on Friday after such an extended time away from school. It was lovely to have a selection of year groups back from June, but having all year groups back will make Tanners Brook feel whole again.

We have been busy getting ready for the new term and we have followed government advice and put measures in place to ensure that the risk from Covid-19 is reduced as much as possible. For example:

- the children will be in 'bubbles' during the day and these bubbles will stay together during breaktimes and lunchtimes as well as the start and end of the day.
- We will once again be teaching the children how to clean their hands effectively and about the importance of 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.
- Classrooms and communal areas will be cleaned regularly – at the start, the end and during the school day to ensure that surfaces are wiped down with disinfectant.
- To avoid congestion at the start and end of the day, we have staggered times and there is now a one-way system around the school site for drop off and pick up.

Our focus will be even more directed at ensuring the children feel safe and secure and we will be spending time helping the children to re-settle and to re-establish friendships after such an unusual few months. Teachers and teaching assistants will also be establishing gaps in knowledge so that these can be filled as soon as possible whilst providing a full and engaging curriculum.

We look forward to seeing you again on Friday. Please remember that the start and end times might be different and that you need to be on time as the gate will be opened and closed promptly to avoid bubbles mixing as much as possible. Please could only one adult accompany a child on site – if any extra adults arrive at the gate you will be asked to wait outside the school site. If you have a message for your child's teacher, it would be worth writing it down so it can be passed to the teacher as there will not be the opportunity to chat with them in person due to social distancing and the need for any adults to leave the school site as quickly as possible.

I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that parking is further restricted due to new bollards being in place on the pavements near school. If you drive to school, it is important to give yourself plenty of time to park slightly further away and walk the rest of the way – please be respectful of our neighbours and do not park in driveways or on double yellow lines.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Mrs I Dowse

Head of School