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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the new school year. I'm sure you will have many questions about how we will operate and hopefully this letter will answer most of them.

We are very aware that for some children this will be their first experience of school in many months so please do be assured that our main focus will be on settling all the children back in, making sure they are happy and have a positive experience.

There is a lot of information to follow but it is all important to note.

Arrangements for the school day

We have put in the following measures to try to reduce risks but, as has been said before, there are no 100% guarantees. We will do all we can to give the children a normal and enjoyable day.

- please do not bring your child in to school if they show any of the following symptoms: a new continual cough, a temperature in excess of 37.8°C or a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) and follow government guidelines on self-isolation and testing
- children are expected to wear normal uniform but this does not need to be washed any more frequently than usual
- masks will not be worn in school but please wash hands before leaving the house in the morning
- only 1 small bag (which can contain items such as sun cream but not any personal belongings such as toys etc) plus PE bag to be brought into school (with lunch bag inside one if bringing own) – PE bag to be left in school all week
- please send a water bottle in to school if your child needs a drink through the day. Water will be available as usual at lunchtimes
- school lunches are available to order as usual
- after-school club will not be available
- on drop-off and pick-up, please use the normal gate and send all children through the infant entrance
- as before lockdown, parents will not be able to come into school but will always be able to contact us and can arrange a meeting if necessary
- at the end of school, we will bring your child out to the gate to meet you. Please stand 2m apart

- handwashing for at least 20 seconds will take place regularly – on arrival, before/after food, before/after playtimes, if face is touched, after using the toilet
- sanitising gel is also available in school and moisturising cream is available for use after handwashing
- children will have 'base desks' with their own pens, pencils etc for seated activities but will not be seated all day
- reading books will be 'rested' after use by a child for 72 hours before any re-use and will be able to be sent home
- laptop keyboards and mice will be wiped down using anti-viral wipes after each use
- any equipment used at playtimes eg hoops will be wiped down with anti-viral wipes after use
- all hard surfaces, door handles, taps, toilets flushes etc in use will be cleaned throughout the day using anti-viral wipes and/or spray

This is what the outline of a day will look like and hopefully gives you the information that you need but please do get in touch (head@bewcastle.cumbria.sch.uk) if you have any further questions.

We are so looking forward to seeing you all!

Very best wishes



Executive Headteacher