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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that the numbers of positive Covid-19 cases have risen further and we have now reached Amber Level of our Outbreak Management Plan. After consultation with Public Health England, starting after half term, we will be temporarily re-introducing the bubble system, where the children will work in separate class bubbles throughout the day and there will be staggered starts and ends to the school day and staggered play and lunchtimes. We realise that this may come as disappointing news to many of you but it is important that we do everything we can to keep the children and staff as safe as we possibly can.

Drop off and Pick Up

Class bubbles have been given paired or grouped arrival times as per the table below. The bubbles will use the main entrance gate and will be asked to follow designated entry paths so that they do not come into close contact with one another. The entry paths will be clearly indicated upon arrival.

Classes	Arrival Time	Collection Time
Red Kites, Merlins and Goldfinches	8.30am	2.50pm
Buzzards and Kestrels	8.35am	2.55pm
Sparrowhawks and Harriers	8.40am	3.00pm
Peregrines and Puffins	8.45am	3.05pm
Robins and Pipits	8.50am	3.10pm
Kingfishers and Wagtails	8.55am	3.15pm

Walking to School

There will be plenty of staff on duty at the start and end of the school day and children will be allowed to walk through the school gate by themselves. However, parents may prefer to accompany younger children onto site. Parents will be able to walk with their children through the main pedestrian gate, over the zebra crossing where the children will be directed straight to their classrooms by staff. Parents will then leave the school site through the same entry point, to allow the next group of parents to bring their children in.

Please note that parents will not be able to come further than the zebra crossing with the new safety measures.

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Should parents have more than one child at school, we ask that you bring your children to school at the **earliest** drop off time and siblings and they will go straight to their classrooms.

At the end of the school day, the children will come out of school in the same class pairs or groups as indicated in the table. Should parents have more than one child, we ask that you collect children at the **later pick up time**. For example, if you have a child with a pick up time of 2.50pm and another child with a pick up time of 3.05pm, we ask that you collect **both/all** children at 3.05pm and we will supervise your child/ren finishing at 2.50pm in the waiting area until you arrive. **All children who are walking home, whether they are individual children or with their siblings, will be brought to the main gate to meet parents.**

Driving to School

The Kiss and Drop will still be available for parents who are dropping off and collecting children by car. At the start of the day, siblings should be dropped off at the **earliest** allocated drop off time and they will go straight to their classrooms.

Please note that at the end of the day, parents collecting more than one child will need to pick their child/ren up at the **later** time. This will save you driving round several times as there is no parking and waiting at the Kiss and Drop.

It is important that parents socially distance during drop off and pick up times and do not wait to chat to other parents outside the school gate. We ask that all adults continue to wear a face covering at the gate and when on the school site.

Lunchtimes

The children will have their lunch break at staggered intervals in the middle of the day and they will eat in either our large or small hall with significant social distancing between the bubbles sharing the hall.

PE Kits

We would like the children to continue to come to school dressed in their PE kits on the days that they have PE. The PE days have not changed:

KS1

Class	PE Days
Robins	Mondays and Thursdays

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Kingfishers	Mondays and Wednesdays
Puffins	Mondays and Thursdays
Goldfinches	Mondays and Thursdays
Pipits	Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Wagtails	Tuesdays and Wednesdays

KS2

Class	PE Days
Red Kite	Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Buzzard	Wednesdays and Fridays
Sparrowhawk	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Peregrine	Tuesdays and Fridays
Merlin	Tuesdays and Fridays
Kestrel	Wednesdays and Fridays
Harrier	Mondays and Fridays

We will be temporarily suspending arrangements for the Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 Multi skills clubs run by Mr Burge after school and will look at the possibility of organising bubble clubs instead. We will write to you with details after half term.

Equipment

There will be no change to the items that the children are permitted to bring to school: As a reminder, the children should **only** bring:

- Their lunch (if bringing a packed lunch).
- Plenty of drink in their own, named drinks bottle.
- KS2 children only - a healthy morning snack eg fruit. KS1 children will continue to receive a fruit snack at school as part of the government fruit and veg scheme.

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- All children should bring their reading book to school daily and only KS1 children need to bring their book bag and reading record.
- All children may continue to bring a small ruck sack style bag for their belongings.
- Please make sure that any medication and asthma inhalers are in school at all times and that the relevant medical paperwork has been completed.

The children will have their own equipment to use throughout the day and the children in Years 1-6 will be working at front facing tables. We will continue with other safety measures including the classrooms being well ventilated at all times, enhanced cleaning procedures, the children washing their hands regularly throughout the day, all school staff wearing face coverings throughout the day and all staff being regularly tested for Covid 19.

Please note that the re-introduction of bubbles is a temporary safety measure, designed to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can. We will review the status regularly and will write to you with updates as soon as we can.

Should children test positive for Covid-19 over the holiday, please continue to inform the school office - this is important for our school records. School emails will be monitored during the holiday and we will respond to you as soon as we can.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best wishes

Mrs S Svenson
Headteacher