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Dear Parent or Carer,

As you are now aware all of our children will return to Riverbank School full- time in August. Below is some general information regarding our return to school.

Date	Activity
Wednesday 12 th August	Orientation day (1/3 of class – group A)
Thursday 13 th August	Orientation day (1/3 of class – group B)
Friday 14 th August	Orientation day (1.3 of class – group C)
Monday 17 th August	All children attend school full time (with the exception of P1)

Classes

During the summer holidays we received some additional P1 (in zone) applications for Riverbank School. Unfortunately, our P1 classes were already full but as the children live within our catchment zone we are required to allocate the children places. Yesterday, therefore we had to make changes to our P1, P2 and P3 classes. We now have a P1/2 class taught by Mrs Arqued and a P2/3 class taught by Mr Duarte. I wish to thank the parents of the children whose class we changed for their understanding at this being changed at such a late stage – I certainly appreciate your understanding.

Orientation days

We are very much looking forward to the first group of children tomorrow. We know that some may feel anxious at returning to school. Staff have done an incredible job of preparing the school to operate in these times.

On the orientation days the staff will share with children the one way system in the school, the playground zones (we have created 3 of these to ensure that children are kept in smaller groups in the playground), our handwashing protocol and our adult to pupil social distancing measures. We hope that this will help to allay any concerns.

Arriving at school

A reminder that apart from Nursery, P1, P2 and P3 parents no adults are permitted in the playground. We ask that you support this measure which is part of the risk assessment that allows us to reopen and so that we can protect the health and safety of all.

Nursery and P1, P2 & P3 have now got the information regarding the class entry and exit points. All adults must enter the playground by the rear gate and exit by the front gate, this reduces the risk of adults coming face to face with each other and therefore the spread of any virus. We have marked the playground with a line 2m from the entry door to ensure the line of children does not come closer than that to the teacher. As the children are not socially distancing from each other we have not marked other lines but remind parents that they must socially distance from each other.

Primary 1 children must be dropped off and collected from the class door and normally we would insist on this for the P2 & P3 children too. In order to reduce the amount of adults in the playground we are relaxing the insistence that P2 and P3 adults enter the playground to drop off (although you are welcome to do so) but we must insist that the children are collected by an adult from their class door at the end of their school day. Please remember that the playground is not supervised by adults before or after school time.

As previously advised we have staggered start and finish times, to minimise the number of children and adults in the playground.

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Information for your child's class hours is detailed below.

Class	Teacher	Room number	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance / exit door
P1L	Ms Lade	6	9.00	3.00 pm	Class door
P1M	Miss Moreton	5	9.15	3.15 pm	Class door
P1/2A	Mrs Arqued	1	9.00	3.00 pm	Main entrance (next to reception)
P2C	Miss Cody	7	9.15	3.15 pm	Class door
P3C	Miss Coyle	9	9.15	3.15 pm	Class door
P2/3D	Mr Duarte	8	9.00	3.00 pm	Class door
P4L	Miss Littler	19	9.00	3.00 pm	Class door
P4F	Mr Flanagan	20	9.15	3.15 pm	Class door
P4N	Miss Noble	17	9.00	3.00 pm	Class door
P5E	Miss Elliott	18	9.15	3.15 pm	Class door
P5S	Mrs Stephenson	16	9.15	3.15 pm	Main entrance (next to reception)
P6M	Miss Miller	14	9.00	3.00 pm	Extension entrance
P6P	Mr Probart	15	9.15	3.15 pm	Family Room entrance
P7M	Mrs McGregor	13	9.15	3.15 pm	Extension entrance
P7D	Mr Dawson	12	9.00	3.00 pm	Family Room entrance
Link Room	Mrs Smith	2	9.15	3.15 pm	Dining hall door

A plan of the school has been emailed to parents and uploaded to the school website to show you the location of these doors.

School uniform / resources

Children should wear their school uniform on their orientation days and for the school term, they should come to school ready to be outside for periods of time. School uniform ordered from the school has now arrived and we will do our best to have this organised to distribute to you by the end of the week. Those who ordered uniform will receive an email with the cost of the uniform and our banking details so that you can make payment. Once we have received this we will send the uniform home with the child.

Children will be provided with all the resources they will need for the school day, so we ask that in order to reduce the risk of infection that children do not bring pencils, folders, pencil cases etc to school. The children should keep to a minimum any items from home to school, so please ensure your children do not bring any toys with them.

Children should bring a filled water bottle to school with them every day – we are not able to share cups etc so they will need this to ensure they can access water during the day – this can be refilled from the taps in the classrooms.

Initially children will not need to bring gym kit or indoor shoes, we will let you know when this situation changes. Children are not expected to wear face masks in school.

Parents / adults access to school

As mentioned above parents (apart from N-P3) are not permitted to enter the school playground, and no parent will be able to access the school building. The school office will be closed to all visitors apart from those who have a pre-arranged appointment. For pre-arranged appointments you will need to share contact information in order for us to support Test and Protect should the need arise. All

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contact by parents with school staff will continue to be by email or by phone. Unfortunately, at this time no parent will be able to access the school building.

Car Parking

The staff car park is for the use of Riverbank Staff only and the lane between the school and the Lads Club remains closed to parents vehicles, it is more important than ever that parents respect this as there will be children lining up in this area to await entry to school.

I have also been advised by the Lads Club that their carpark is also closed to school parents – please respect this and our request not to bring your vehicle onto our premises.

Individual Pupil Risk Assessments

Parents of children with underlying medical conditions or from the BAME community have been contacted to ask if they would wish an individual risk assessment to be carried out for their child. If you feel your child falls into a category that increases their vulnerability to Covid-19 and staff will carry out the risk assessment with you.

Sickness absence

As before if your child is off sick please phone the school office to alert us of the absence and the reason for this. If your child becomes unwell during the day, we will contact you and ask you to collect them as soon as possible. It is vital that we have up to date contact details for parents and emergency contacts so that we can contact you urgently if required.

We will be following national guidance regarding Covid-19 and isolating and children should not attend school if they have any of the symptoms of Covid-19.

PPE / Hand Hygiene

Children are not expected to wear any PPE (masks, aprons or gloves) when they return to school. Should you have any queries regarding this please contact the school to discuss. Staff will not routinely wear PPE in school. There are occasions when this will be necessary, and staff will have access to all the PPE they require.

Good hand hygiene remains vital for all in the school. Children / staff will either wash or sanitise their hands upon arrival and prior to departure from the school. They will also continue to observe good hand hygiene throughout the school day.

Primary 1

We particularly look forward to welcoming our new P1 children to Riverbank. As I have previously mentioned the transition this year bears no resemblance to what we have done in the past. We welcome our first group tomorrow and then the other 2 groups on Thursday and Friday. Unfortunately, we cannot allow parents to enter the school building but the P1 staff will ensure as smooth a transition as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ironside