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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to once again apologise for the disruption caused by not opening the school this week. As a working parent I am fully aware how annoying it must have been with the school closed this week. I am pleased to announce that the building work has now been completed and we are able to welcome children to the school on Monday 7th September.

Over the summer there were several updated guidance documents from the Department for Education in relation to schools opening in September. This guidance can be found on the school website.

Today we have also sent out the letter that we sent to you in July and August in preparation for opening on Monday 7th September. The key info is summarised below.

- School will be **compulsory** for all pupils in all year groups.
- **Extensive** cleaning systems remain in place. This includes regular hand washing and cleaning of the classrooms and other areas of high contact.
- Children will be **grouped** in classes with **minimal contact** with other classes with movement around the school being kept to a minimum.
- To **avoid large numbers** of children and parents/carers gathering on the playground, schools should consider a **staggered starts and collections**. Please **keep** to the times and entrance points in the letter. Parents **must** remember to keep to the 2 metre social distancing guidelines. Several schools have reported that during the first two days back at school they have experienced many families who have not been social distancing.
- Classes of children will **self-isolate** if a test for COVID-19 is positive.
- School uniforms **must** be worn but **do not** need to be cleaned any more often than usual.
- Face coverings must be worn by visitors to the school for meetings. This includes parents/carers.
- Staff may wear face coverings in staff communal areas.
- Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 must bring a snack into school next week as the fruit snack scheme will not be in operation until the week after.
- On your day your children have a PE lesson they must wear their PE kit to school. We will let you know when your children's PE lessons take place via the class page on the website during the week. Please do not bring your child's PE kit to school next week. Please ensure that on your child's PE days they are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday.


Mr Joseph Figg
Executive Headteacher