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Dear Parents and Carers

All of the staff and I are very excited to welcome all pupils back to school on Monday and hope that the information you have received during the holidays has helped to prepare your children for the changes etc. The staff have all worked incredibly hard preparing for the term and the school is looking fabulous.

I have attached a copy of the plan which was initially sent out in July to remind you of the intended changes. We appreciate your cooperation in following these to enable us to keep all children, staff and families safe.

Below are some additional updates:

Face covering: Following government guidance, face coverings are not to be worn in school by pupils.

'Public Health England does not recommend the use of face coverings in nurseries, childminders, schools or colleges (except in some specific circumstances). This is because:

- children, young people and staff are mixing in consistent groups*
- not using them correctly may accidentally increase the risk of transmitting the virus*
- there may be negative effects on communications and therefore on your child's education'*

We are asking that where possible parents and carers wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting their children from school as social distancing will not always be possible.

Where social distancing is not possible and to prevent the risk of transmission between bubbles staff may wear face visors for example when welcoming parents and visitors to school.

Key Stage 1 and EYFS free fruit scheme: We are awaiting guidance on whether the pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 will receive free fruit and we will let you know as soon as we do. In the meantime we would recommend providing your child with an extra piece of fruit in their lunchbox which they will be able to access at break time.

What your child needs to bring to school: To reduce the risk of transmission children are only required to bring into school their coat, bag if required, lunchbox (if having packed lunch) and a named drinks bottle. Please also ensure that all inhalers and medication are brought in on the first day of school and all medical forms are completed via the school office.

Swimming: We are still awaiting guidance on whether swimming lessons will take place and we will update you as soon as we can.

Communication with teachers: If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please email/telephone the school office to arrange for them to call you.

PE days: The days for PE for each class are below. Please ensure your child wears their school PE kit on these days as pupils will not be able to change in class.

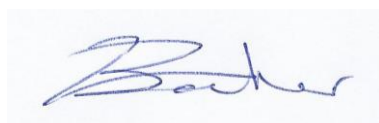
Robins (Reception)	<u>Friday</u>
Woodpeckers (Year 1)	<u>Wednesday and Thursday</u>
Yellowhammers (Year 2)	<u>Tuesday and Thursday</u>
Goldfinches (Year 3)	<u>Monday and Wednesday</u>
Nightingales (Year 4)	<u>Wednesday and Friday</u>
Red Kites (Year 5)	<u>Tuesday and Friday</u>
Kingfishers (Year 6)	<u>Monday and Friday</u>

The LA has produced a document 'Welcome back to school' and the link is below. Within this document it explains the test and trace process. We do ask that if your child has a test that the result is shared with school before their return.

<https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/asset-library/Welcome-Back-to-School.pdf>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and parents for their brilliant support during these difficult times and I look forward to working with you this year. I will of course keep you updated on any further changes we may need to make and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards



Mrs L Boucher
Headteacher