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Fierté Multi-Academy Trust*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank everyone for the amazing support you have provided for your family during the past four months since school initially closed on 19th March. I am so impressed with the resilience and determination shown by yourselves, your children and families; it really has been astounding. We can't thank you enough. In addition, I am so proud of the dedication, hard work and optimism shown by all staff at school; my whole team have been truly amazing and their care and dedication for the children at our school has been inspiring and heart felt.

Thank you again for the families who have been supporting their child/children at home with their learning since March. You have been incredible; we understand how difficult it has been to teach children along with maintaining a household as well as working from home or supporting others within your families. Thank you so much.

The information within the following Newsletter link below outlines key procedures for September which you will also be able to talk to your children about in an age appropriate way in order to prepare them for a return to school. We have followed all government guidance (including the nine key systems of control) when setting up the new systems and processes. Our Risk Assessment is currently being viewed by the Trust and we will share this with you as soon as it has been agreed along with a condensed version in the form of a home-school partnership agreement.

<https://sway.office.com/KzFma7dGAj6ffbhF?ref=Link>

The measures that we are putting in place for September are very similar to the successful approaches we have followed since 1st June. These procedures have worked superbly in ensuring that we follow all government guidance to protect the health of the children and adults in school. The adaptations that we are making to our Risk Assessment have been developed based on advice from the Government (Department for Education, Public Health England) and from the Fierté Trust drawing on experience from school re-opening in other countries and through discussions with other professions. Our adapted Risk Assessment for September has been carefully considered and I have met with all staff over the week to outline this and answer any questions. Staff are therefore, fully informed and know the safety expectations that will be in place from September.

The whole staff team have been working very hard to further modify our school so as to prepare classrooms, playgrounds and all aspects of the school so that it is fully compliant with our September 2020 Risk Assessment.



Covid-19 - Virus

All of the processes outlined in the Sway Newsletter link to our Risk Assessment which will support in lowering the risk of transmission. However, in spite of all these measures we cannot 100% guarantee that infection from Coronavirus will be eliminated. We need everyone in school (staff, parents and children) to follow our new processes and expectations as they are imperative for all.

Processes and Procedures For the School Re-opening in September

For a safe return to school, the expectations within the attached Sway Newsletter must be followed. Previous approaches are currently on hold and the information clearly identifies the procedures that all members of our school family need to adhere to.

This may seem regimented but due to changes in all aspects of life at the moment, every single person needs to follow the expectations outlined in the newsletter in order that the safety of the children, yourselves and staff is not jeopardised. We thank you in advance for your understanding and commitment to this.

The Sway Newsletter includes the elements in bold below. As there is lots of information to digest, you will be able to read this at your own convenience. The **School arrival and Collection** section outlines why a staggered approach to the school day is necessary and this is very important to read.

In addition, many parents have been asking about **uniform, equipment and belongings** so you may want to refer to this before other sections also.

The **Before setting off to School** section includes the daily checks at home that must be taken to ensure that children do not attend school if they have Coronavirus symptoms.

- **Systems of Control**
- **Attendance**
- **School Layout and Procedures**
- **Before setting off to School**
- **School Uniform**
- **Equipment and Belongings**
- **Travelling to and From School**
- **School Arrival and Collection**
- **Playtime and Lunch time**
- **Food**
- **Hand washing and Toilets**
- **Infection Control**
- **Dates and events**
- **Final Thought**

The grid below also identifies the times and arrival/collection gate for each class bubble within a year group bubble time frame. It is imperative that class and year group bubbles have their own set entrance and exit to avoid mixing widely with other children from other year groups. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. If there are any issues with the timings of class bubble arrival or departure times due to siblings etc., please contact the school office; Mrs Keay will then contact you to discuss this further.



Staggered Arrival and Collection from School:

KEY	
	Office Gate
	High Street Gate
	Broom Gate

Class Bubble	Arrival	Departure
Class	Arrival Office Gate	Departure Office Gate
Year Six Powis	8.30	3.00
Year Six, Conwy	8.35	3.05
Year Six, Caernarfon	8.40	3.10
Year Three, Hever	8.45	3.15
Year Three, Tower	8.50	3.20
Year Three, Windsor	8.55	3.25
Year One, Edinburgh	9.00	3.30
Year One, Glamis	9.05	3.35
Class	Arrival High Street	Departure High Street
Year Five, Launceston	8.30	3.05
Year Five, St. Michaels	8.35	3.10
Year Five, Tintagel	8.40	3.15
Year Four, Arundel	8.45	3.20
Year Four, Bodiam	8.50	3.25
Year Four, Canterbury	8.55	3.30
OPOJ Nursery	9.00	3.00
Class	Arrival Broom Gate	Departure Broom Gate
Reception	(Separate Letters with phased return)	
Year Two Kenilworth	8.40	3.10
Year Two Tutbury	8.45	3.15
Year Two Warwick	8.50	3.20

Thank you for supporting us with the structures for re-opening. The procedures may appear regimented but since opening in June they have proven to be very successful in reducing risk for all during the current pandemic. Please remember that we are working incredibly hard to implement the protocols outlined above. Some elements will not be as popular with everyone and there may be some initial teething problems particularly in relation to class drop of and collection timings with 600 children plus their adult arriving/leaving school. However, this isn't the time for complaint or criticism; staff have been working incredibly hard to ensure that the processes are rigorous and fully in-place for your child. Your support and understanding is greatly welcomed over the coming weeks in order to bring our Dosthill Family safely back together again.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Warm regards,

C Keay

Mrs Claire Keay
Headteacher

