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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, the government announced its plans to reopen schools for all year groups from September. After receiving the guidance, and further information from Hertfordshire County Council, below is our plan for reopening our school to all children from **Thursday 3rd**

September. Please take the time to read the information carefully regarding your child's safety and education.

- In order to ensure that there are no gatherings at the school gate, the staggered start and finish times are listed below for each class. We request that parents and carers adhere to these times so that we can ensure that children have time to wash their hands when entering school and social distancing is maintained.
- If any parents have children in different year groups, we request that you drop off at each given time for each class. Should you need to wait, we ask you to move your cars to the verge on the main road to allow other parents access.

Staggered start and finish times

Class France (Reception and Y1): 09:15 - 15.00

Class Egypt (Y2, Y3 and Y4): 08.45 – 15.15

Class Tanzania (Y5 and Y6): 08.45-15.15

- The safety measures that have been in place since we reopened to some year groups on June 2nd will remain in place. Please don't hesitate to contact me if have any questions regarding these. We need to ensure that all children adhere to the safety measures that are in place. If you haven't already done so, please talk to your child/ren with regards to how vital this is. We want to reassure everyone that the school continues to have high expectations of behaviour. Our behaviour policy will be enforced if children cannot keep to health and safety measures. **Further information can be found on the school website by reading our behaviour and exclusions policy.** On the first day back in September, each class will be given instructions as to what changes have been made to keep everyone safe.
- There will be two 'bubbles' when having a separate play and lunch time.
- A full curriculum will be taught to all children and all subjects will be covered. This includes PE, so please send your child in wearing their PE kit every Friday.

- All children will need to be in school uniform. **(Monday-Thursday)** and we request a fresh uniform to be worn each day.
- We request that children only bring essential items in to school: water bottles, school bag, coats and packed lunches.
- Please ensure that if your child is showing symptoms of Covid-19, you keep them at home and contact the school office and you read the NHS guidance.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- The DfE have stated that coming back to school in September is compulsory for all children. Our usual attendance procedures will apply. **Our attendance policy can be found on our school website.**
- School dinners will be in the form of a packed lunch – Mrs McCormick will send out a menu via parent mail. Alternatively, send a packed lunch in with your child if you would prefer.
- To keep contact to a minimum, parents and carers will not be allowed on site. However, please do contact the school office or email at 'head@gaddesdenrow.herts.sch.uk' if you need to discuss or make contact with teachers.

Everyone here at the school is looking forward to welcoming the children back. I know it has been a very challenging and unprecedented time, but we can now look forward to the future. Our team have worked tirelessly and feel confident that our school is as safe as possible for your child's return.

I am aware that many children have been off school for a long period of time and there may be some worries and anxieties. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Mr Merriman