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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all back at school in September!

As you will be aware, the Government have announced that all primary pupils will return to school in September. We have prepared a "Road Map to Return" for September to share what our routines and expectations will be. There will be more to follow, as we get further advice and guidance through from the Local Authority. There may also be updates over the summer holidays.

Our summer term ends on **Friday 17th July**, as we had previously planned.

We will hold an Inset Day on Tuesday 1st September, for staff to receive training and updates on the latest Safeguarding measures. We now hold our meetings virtually but nevertheless this has all continued whilst we have remained at school. The autumn term will start on **Wednesday 2nd September** and we very much look forward to welcoming and inducting our new Reception Class.

Children will be moving up to their next year group as usual. We are aware that we will have to "catch up" on **all** children's learning. In our school we have 70% Pupil Premium (Free School Meals) Pupils and 30% Special Educational Needs (SEND). The Government ask us to account for our Pupil Premium spending against pupil outcomes - these reports can be found on the website under Statutory Information. The SENDCo also reports to Governors each year on SEND pupils. This can be found on the SEND page.

Staffing

Class/Year Group	Teacher/Days	Teaching Assistant
Reception Class	Mrs Gilbert-Green (M-T) Mrs Best (W-F)	Mrs Shawcross
Year 1	Miss Rimell Mrs Godzisz (0.5 day)	Mrs Boot (M-Th)
Year 2	Mrs Royle (M-Th am) Mrs Godzisz (Thpm-F)	Mrs Williams Mrs Boyer
Year 3	Mr Matthews Mrs Godzisz (0.5 day)	Mrs Debonis
Year 4	Miss Kelly Mrs Godzisz (0.5 day)	Miss Leach Miss Duffy
Year 5	Mr Turner	Mrs Booth
Year 6	Mrs Swinton Mrs Coates (M-T)	Miss George

Please see our full staffing list on the website.

Mrs Godzisz is our Sports Lead and she also teaches in classes, whilst teachers have their statutory 10% Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time. She will be teaching PE using social distancing measures and have a risk assessment in place. We hope that especially with the usual September "sunshine" that we will be outdoors for these lessons, as at the moment we are able to use the hall due to it being a confined space for now.

Please rest assured that we are not allowing volunteers and visitors on site. We want to limit any risk and work in "Bubbles", then following review of our school, county and national picture of the COVID and of

our protective measures and risk assessments in Autumn Term, we may then start to introduce the people who we usually work with such as Play Ranger and the Forest School Initiative.

Website

Please have a look at our school website <https://hesterswayprimaryschool.co.uk/>. We have a COVID page which shows the "journey" that our school has undergone, with some of the communications sent out via email. There are responses to the questionnaires too! We have printed the questionnaires for the next work packs, so that you can return these in September or take a photo of your response and email it to homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk, as the Senior Leadership team will be monitoring this email address over the holidays.

We will post information up to July on the COVID page and then other information will go onto the usual school pages. Policies are updated all of the time, following ratification by the Governing Board. Please have a look at these for your reference. Our behaviour policy and risk assessments will be sent to you in due course, as well as being posted on the website.

Curriculum

The Senior Leadership Team and Curriculum Leaders have been busy planning the curriculum for September, following the Government guidance released on 2nd July. The staff have worked extremely hard and have got a "Broad and Balanced" curriculum in place for September, including priority focus on Personal, Social, Citizenship and Health Education (PSCHE), Phonics and Reading. It is so important that first and foremost we welcome back the children, settle them back to routines, build our working relationships, listen to and assess their needs and then teach them to aspire, believe, care and achieve.

Please see our "Recovery Curriculum Intent" document. Curriculum Leads and teachers are now putting the finer details to the annual curriculum, so that we can combine learning objectives not taught last year with this year's learning objectives, to "Catch up" the children's learning so that we are back on track by summer 2021. They will then plan out their medium term and lesson plans over the holiday.

Ofsted

We were due to be inspected from January – July 2020, as our last inspection was in January 2018. We understand that official inspections will resume in January 2021 and will again expect to be one of the first schools.

This week, we have voluntarily been working with Ofsted, as the first school in the country to hear their intentions and processes for their proposed September Ofsted visits to schools. This has been a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and share our plans. As well as being asked to give feedback and suggestions to them, prior to them training their HMI inspectors. They shared our confidence about our plans and intent for September and now we just have to implement them, working together with you.

School Priorities

As a school, we have identified our priorities to be attendance, mental health and well-being and learning, learning, learning! Thank you so much for parent responses regarding what you thought the main focus area should be as the reflected ours.

Please can we ask that you try your best to all return in September, so that we can teach your wonderful children. Remember everyone has been affected in some way. Talk to any of us if you need to, please.

Kind regards, Kirsti Ashman
(Head Teacher)

