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Dear Families.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school next week. As many children have been away from school for a considerable length of time, the first week will be a transition week with small group activities planned. This is to help children re-adjust and to give teachers the opportunity to spend focused time with your son or daughter.

An overview of the measures we have put in place can be found on the next page and I am happy to answer any questions you may have concerning this. Included in these measures are staggered start and finish times. These are slightly different to those in place in the Autumn term:

## In the mornings, children will arrive in alphabetical order:

8.30 am - Surnames A to F

8.35 am - Surnames G to M

8.40 am- Surnames N to Z

# At the end of the day, children will leave in year group order:

Monday to Thursday (Friday)

3pm (1pm) - Year R/1/2 (Oak & Willow Class)

3.05pm (1.05pm) - Year 3 / 4 (Sycamore & Chestnut Class)

3.10pm (1.10pm) - Year 5 / 6 (Maple & Cherry Tree Class)

## Please do not arrive before your allotted time. Please note Friday will continue to be a half day

Bags may be brought in for water bottles and reading books but **nothing else** may be brought in from home. PE kit can continue to be worn on PE days and these remain the same as the autumn term.

Wearing school uniform helps children develop a sense of belonging. Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct uniform (trainers and jogging bottoms on PE days only, thank you). If your child has outgrown their school jumper, a plain navy blue jumper is fine. On PE days, please dress your child in dark blue or black jogging bottoms or leggings and a plain white t-shirt.

School will continue to close on Friday afternoons to allow for planning and preparation time. If you require a space for your child in Friday afternoon provision as you are working, please contact the school office.

From March 8<sup>th</sup>, attendance in school is mandatory. However, please do not hesitate to email the school office at adminoffice@fernhill.kite.academy if you have any concerns or questions.

Kind regards,

Nicky Slater, Academy Head



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### **Bubbles:**

All children work in "bubbles". Closed groups of pupils and staff:

Bubble 1: Oak and Willow Class (Year R/1/2) Bubble 2: Sycamore and Chestnut Class (Year 3/4) Bubble 3: Maple and Cherry Tree Class (Year 5/6)

Bubbles have their own allocated playground and/or playtimes. Each bubble has a toilet block and separate entrance into school. Staff are allocated to bubbles and, where possible, do not cross into other bubbles.

### Lunch:

Years 3 to 6 eat lunch in their classrooms. Lunch is brought to the classroom to limit movement around school.

# Playtimes:

Playtimes are either staggered where areas are shared or bubbles have an allocated section of the playground.

## Cleaning:

High touch areas are cleaned more frequently throughout the day, cleaning contractors are in school at the end of every day. Where possible, resources are not shared. If resources are shared, they are either quarantined or cleaned before use by another bubble.

#### Hygiene:

Children and staff wash their hands on entry, after play, before lunch and after lunch every day. Hand sanitiser is available in every classroom and around the school. Children have been taught how to wash their hands for 20 seconds.

Every class as a bin with a lid for tissues.

All staff wear masks in communal areas outside of classrooms.

### Ventilation:

Windows and doors are open in all classrooms, stairwells and corridors. On cold days, with limited windows open, extra windows are open at playtimes to give a blast of fresh air. At all other times, a greater number of windows are open to ensure a flow of fresh air.

As always, if your child or anyone in your child's bubble displays covid symptoms, they must not come into school. All close contacts must self-isolate and arrange for a test as soon as possible. Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child is displaying covid symptoms and immediately if your child tests positive for covid so close contacts can be identified.

