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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Department for Education has published its guidelines for the full opening of schools in September, built on the critical need to reduce the number of contacts between children and staff. This is to be achieved both by keeping groups consistent (the same individuals always together) and by keeping individuals within those groups a safe distance apart.

The advice is subject to change as more is known about Covid-19. At present we ask parents and carers of children at Creative Education Trust schools to observe these key principles:

- All primary and secondary school pupils are expected to return to school in September, unless they are unwell.
- The school's attendance policy is unchanged from before the pandemic and non-attendance will prompt the same procedures as before
- If you are concerned about your child's return, please talk to the school: do not keep your child at home.
- A range of social distancing measures will make the environment different from the one your child left in March or at the end of the Summer term.
- Every child will be allocated to a 'bubble' – a consistent group of pupils with whom they spend all their time in school
- Individuals in each 'bubble' will maintain a safe distance from each other, in classrooms, corridors and other areas
- The curriculum may be modified to address significant gaps in pupils' knowledge arising from the lockdown, with the aim of returning to the normal curriculum by the Summer term of 2021
- A solution is being sought to the inclusion of PE which reduces the risk of transmission in changing rooms
- The school's behaviour policy is also unchanged from before the pandemic and the same disciplinary procedures will be applied
- Arrival and departure times will be staggered to prevent the intermingling of 'bubbles', as will breaks and lunchtimes; the attendance policy will take this into account
- Handwashing at all transitions from place to place is compulsory and extra facilities will be provided
- Face coverings are not to be worn by children in school



- Clear guidance is given that everyone who is able to do so should walk or cycle to school rather than taking public transport
- Provision will be made for the storage or disposal of face coverings worn on public transport
- You will be informed of any instance of Covid-19 in school

I will be sending out further details for start and finishing times, after school clubs etc tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

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