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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to clarify more arrangements for next Tuesday, September 1st. Please accept our apologies for any changes – we are responding to guidance which, as you know, changes frequently!

Firstly, we are looking forward to welcoming all children back to school next Tuesday and have been working very hard on creating as safe an environment as possible.

Parents are not to come on site to drop off or pick up – gates and times for the day are as follows:

Teachers and/or other staff will be waiting at the gate to help your child get to their class.

GATE 1 – Foundation Stage Gate on Central Road

EYFS – 8.40 am to 3.10 pm

Year 3 – 8.50 am to 3.20 pm

Year 4 – 9.00 am to 3.30 pm

GATE 2 – Large ‘car park’ gate by mobile classroom

Year 6 – 8.50 am to 3.20 pm

GATE 5 – Small side gate on Balfour Street

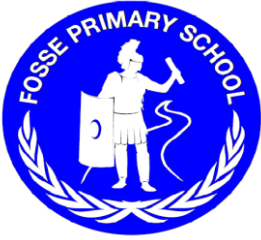
Year 2 – 8.40am to 3.10 pm

Year 1 – 8.50am to 3.20pm

Year 5 – 9.00am to 3.30 pm

The gates are all clearly labelled. If you can, please take a few minutes to visit the school with your child/ren before Tuesday so that you know where you have to go on Tuesday morning

We aim to keep year groups as separate as possible. We know that this will make it awkward for parents with children in different year groups but, unfortunately for these families, you will need to wait well away from the school if you have drop offs at two different times. Please do not wait directly outside the gates for the next drop off time. I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but at present we believe that it is safer and more sensible to ensure children from different year groups are kept apart in this way.



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All of our new arrangements will be reviewed on a weekly basis, or more often if necessary. You will be informed if we need to change any arrangements. I would rather start in the safest possible way than take unnecessary risk; we will relax rules as soon as we are able.

Classrooms equipment etc

Children cannot bring anything from home other than a packed lunch and a water bottle, both of which should go home every night. Pencil cases etc are not allowed – all resources will be provided. Unfortunately, if a child has a birthday they will not be able to bring sweets or cake in until further notice.

School Meals

We will not have hot dinners in school until we are sure that we are able to use the hall safely at lunchtimes. Children will eat a packed lunch in the classes either before or after 'playtime' outside. (The playground will be shared by two year groups at a time who will each have half the playground to play in). All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a packed lunch. If you have a child in Years 3 – 6 you will need to pay for a packed lunch or provide one from home unless your child is entitled to free school meals in which case we will provide a packed lunch for them.

Office opening – changes to previous information

We have changed how this will work so that parents are better able to access school.

The office will now be open between 8.30 to 9.30 in the mornings and between 3.00 and 3.40 in the afternoons. There will be a one-way system in place with one adult/family only in the reception area at one time. Entrance will be through the large Balfour Street gate; the exit will be through the electronic gate on Central Road.

Please be patient with this, using the social distancing marks on the ground within school and on the pavements and use hand sanitizer before entering the building.

At all other times access will be through Gate 3 via the intercom – only one parent / family to enter at a time. Please call first to make an appointment if at all possible.

Shielding adults

If a parent / carer is shielding then the advice at present is that their child/ren should not return to school unless stringent social distancing can be observed. Current advice is that it is not appropriate to enforce this in a school setting. As a result, until the local lockdown has been lifted children of parents/ carers who are



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'clinically extremely vulnerable' should not return to school. Please be aware that this guidance may change at short notice.

Social Distancing for parents outside gates

I know that parents will want to talk to each other but I must remind you that full social distancing should be observed by all adults outside school. In a meeting with the council I was told that the main concern regarding the return to school is that the virus will be transmitted between adults being too close to each other outside school gates. I know that families in this area have been very careful during lockdown – please continue to look after each other by observing the two metre social distancing rule.

The following link from Leicester City Council provides lots of extremely useful information about returning to school. If you have any questions about children returning to school, this is a great place to start.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/returning-to-school-for-the-autumn-term/>

Safeguarding and Child Protection Information

Some parents have requested more safeguarding information; this will follow shortly.

Best Wishes

Richard Stone

Headteacher