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Dear Parents and Carers,

School is opening for all children in Years 1 to 6 on Tuesday 1st September. (Nursery and Reception children have different start dates and will be informed separately)

I hope you have all had a good summer break and an enjoyable holiday. As we prepare for the start of the year, I wanted to share with you our plans for welcoming all students back.

We know the last few months have been difficult and challenging for everyone, but we can now start to look forward to more normal times. We are really looking forward to being able to have all the children back and have put in place robust plans to support this.

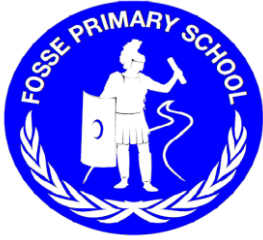
Our priority is to ensure students and staff remain safe whilst still delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. To support this, there will be changes to the operation of the school from the start of the new term. We have focused on reducing access to the site and minimising contact between different groups of pupils as we know this is one of the most effective ways of reducing the transmission of coronavirus. Throughout this period, we have followed government guidance and will continue to do so. We are also mindful of the speed at which things change and would ask for your continued support as we respond to any new requirements that will be placed upon us at short notice. This is particularly the case in Leicester due to the continued local lockdown, where we have continued to be in contact with the local authority for guidance and support.

We understand that some parents and children will be feeling anxious about the return to school.

Please feel assured that we are doing all we can to ensure that we are doing all that we can to ensure that the site is as safe as possible. We will, of course, support all children to make sure that they are able to make a successful and happy return to school.

All children have moved from last year's year group to the year group above. We will be looking carefully at gaps that children may have in their learning and are teachers will be working closely with each other to make sure children's learning is carefully supported at the start of the year and beyond. Please do not worry or feel anxious about what your child may have missed over the last few months – we will work together to help all children get back up to speed on their own individual learning journeys.

The following changes to our usual routine are likely to stay in place for the first half term at least but will be reviewed regularly to ensure they continue to be fit for purpose



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We will have staggered start and end times as follows with children using the specified gates.

Year Group	Drop Off	Gate	Pick Up
EYFS	8.40	1 – Foundation Stage gate	3.10
Year 1	8.50	5 – Small side gate on Balfour Street	3.20
Year 2	8.40	5 – Small side gate on Balfour Street	3.10
Year 3	8.50	1 – Foundation Stage gate	3.20
Year 4	9.00	1 – Foundation Stage gate	3.30
Year 5	9.00	5 – Small side gate on Balfour Street	3.30
Year 6	8.50	2 – Large gate to mobile	3.20

- Parents will drop children off at the appropriate gate – gates will be clearly labelled.
- Parents must not wait around outside the school but should practice social distancing, drop off and leave as soon as possible.
- Members of staff will meet children at the gates and they will be taken into school
- Children will be picked up at the end of the day from the same gate

Access for parents

- Parents will not normally be allowed into school without an appointment.
- We are unable to create a one way system while maintaining a secure site so only one person will be allowed in the reception area at a time.
- All access for parents and visitors will be from the electronic gate on Central Road – using the intercom system. This is a safeguarding measure as we cannot have anyone on site that has not clearly identified themselves.



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Some changes to the school day for children

It will be really helpful if you could talk to your child/ren about these changes. As with all the other changes to the school these will be regularly reviewed.

- Children from different year groups will not be mixing during the school day – they will stay in their own year group ‘bubble’.
- Children will need to wash their hands on entering the building and at different times throughout the day as instructed.
- Children will have their own individual pack on their table with everything they need for the school day – pens, pencils etc will not be shared – and most tables will face the front of the class.
- Children will eat lunch in their own classrooms – packed lunches will be provided for children receiving free school meals or for those paying for a school meal.
- Children must wear school uniform every day except on days when they have PE. On these days children should come to school in PE kit – black jogging bottoms or shorts and a white t-shirt with plimsolls or trainers to change into.
- There will be no whole school assemblies or class performances until further notice but there will be year group assemblies and weekly certificate assemblies by video.
- In order to keep year group ‘bubbles’ secure we will not have breakfast club or after school care until further notice.

More information will be provided for you in due course but I hope this has provided a clear outline for you about what school will be like over the next few weeks. If you have any concerns please let us know; we will always do our best to help and support our school community. Contact numbers are available on the website – www.fosse-pri.leicester.sch.uk

Best Wishes
Richard Stone
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Fosse Primary