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Dear Parents and Carers,

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

After the first week, of all eligible year groups back at Smith's Wood Primary, we would like to say what a pleasure it has been to see so many pupils, who have chosen to return back in school with their classmates and teachers. It has been another fantastic week, where staff in all year groups have welcomed back pupils in their 'Bubble groups'. Pupils have been fantastic and we are so proud of the way in which they have settled back into school and the new routines.

We would also like to thank parents, of new pupils who have chosen to return, for their support in the new drop off and pick up procedures that the school have implemented to ensure that pupils are able to access and exit the school safely. The planning for all year groups to return has been implemented seamlessly and this has been supported by parents, who have shown respect for the new measures which have been put in place.

As we approach the last 2 weeks of term, before the summer holidays, we would ask that parents continue to call in if their child is going to be absent, and also to let us know if you have changed your mind and no longer wish for your child to attend over the remaining 2 weeks. This will allow the school to ensure that they have a clear picture of the pupils who are expected in each day.

We are aware that the wider reopening to all year groups has increased the number of parents and pupils accessing the area around the school and the school gates. As stated in the original correspondence to parents, we ask that as soon as you have dropped your child/ children off, you make your way from the school; this is to avoid large crowds gathering around the school site. We would remind parents that the school is only responsible for the school site, the walkways and any activity which occurs within the gates; we are not responsible for the area outside of the school. Whilst the school will deal with any incidents of inappropriate behaviour on the school site, staff will not be intervening in any altercations which take place outside of school. Any incident of concern outside of the school site, or altercations, will be dealt with by the police.

As you may have seen, the Government released guidance about pupils returning to school from September yesterday. At Smith's Wood, we are currently looking at plans for what that guidance will look like, in practice, for our school. We will be reviewing the guidance and issuing details by the end of the summer term; this will hopefully alleviate any questions which parents may have. Many of the precautions and preventative measures will remain the same, but we will give you a detailed updated by the 17<sup>th</sup> July, so that parents are prepared for the reopening in September.

Please remember that packs of work, for pupils not currently attending school, will be given out on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, as they previously have been. Details for collection times will be issued on Facebook and the website.

Finally, end of year reports for pupils are due to be issued on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July. For children currently in school, they will come home with these at the end of the day on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. For pupils who are currently not in school, end of year reports can be collected from the small hall on the 9<sup>th</sup> July between 9.30am and 11.00am. These will be arranged in class and year group order. Reception & KS1 reports to be collected between 9.30-10.15am and KS2 reports collected between 10.15-11.00am. If you are unable to make those times, please contact the school office and they will assist you.

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