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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure you have seen the latest news that school will open fully to all pupils from Monday March 8th. We are delighted to be able to welcome the children back after the past weeks of remote learning.

We have been overwhelmed by the dedication and hard work of our teachers, school staff and children and the ongoing support offered by you. Thank you so much.

On Friday March 5th school will be closed to all pupils other than key worker children who have no alternative provision. This is so staff can prepare school for the full opening Monday March 8th. This will be our screen free day and activities will be provided.

Despite our excitement, we are still committed to keeping everyone safe on the children's return. Therefore, we would like to remind you that you are required to wear a face mask/exemption lanyard, avoid gathering in groups and for only one parent to collect children.

Drop off times, collections and entrances will be the same as the Autumn term.

It is our intention to reinstate wrap around care provision through Breakfast and After School club. Please email bursar@morecambabay.lancs.sch.uk to register your interest of your child attending.

All pupils will be in 'class bubbles' of no more than 30, each allocated to a teacher and teaching assistant. Their allocated staff members will stay with them and as far as possible will not change. Each bubble will then stay within this group for play times. Lunches for each class will be staggered to accommodate this arrangement. Specialist teachers, PPA and interventions will be taught by a consistent member of staff.

Classrooms will be altered, KS2 children will be facing forwards wherever possible and each child will have their own pack of resources/classroom equipment to minimise the sharing of equipment. When collaborative work takes place, furniture may be rearranged. There will be a one-way system for movement around school and staggered pick up times. Playground zoning arrangements will further cut down interaction between groups.

A full protocol is available on the website but a summary of the most important details for you to be aware of are as follows:

- The first date back at school will be Monday 8th March
- Children should not arrive at school before 8.40am
- If the children are in Years 5 or 6, they can come to and from school independently. If this is not appropriate then only one adult should accompany the child.

- Start times for school will be 8.45am and breakfast will be served in the classrooms.
- Children in EYFS will enter school through the double gate on Euston Road near the bus stop and will congregate on the right hand side near to the Ross Centre. Teachers will then take the children into class through the EYFS gates.
- Children in Mrs Watson's and Mrs Vincent/Miss Wood's classes will enter school through the gate nearest the staff car park straight on to the playground. The children will be met by their teachers and will go directly into their classrooms from the playground. Parents should then follow the one-way system and leave the playground by the gate at the top of Station Road.
- Children in Miss Brooks' class should go passed the main entrance and round the back of school to enter the classroom via the external door to Miss Brooks' classroom.
- Children from Years 3 and 4 will enter the school grounds via the double gates on Euston Road near the bus stop. They will then go directly onto the MUGA via the gate by the garage where they will be met by their teachers.
- Children from Years 5 and 6 will enter school from the gate nearest the staff car park and will line up in the yard. We are encouraging Year 5 and 6 children to walk to and from school by themselves or with friends.
- Parents are requested to maintain 1 metre plus distancing when coming through the gates and whilst following the one-way system in the yard.
- Staff will be on hand to remind everyone of appropriate protocols.
- The school kitchen will provide hot meals again or children may bring in a packed lunch.
- Children should wear the correct uniform and can bring their own PE kits in. Each class will have their own sports equipment to minimise sharing.
- **Pick up times will be 2.45pm for EYFS and Years 5&6 and 3pm for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4.**
- Reception and Nursery parents to collect outside Early Years via the gate on Euston Road as in the morning. Staff will send your child out to you.
- Years 3 and 4 parents will meet their children on the MUGA via the gate on Euston Road.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 may walk home independently or be collected by 1 adult from the main yard following the one way system.
- Years 1&2 to be collected from their classrooms as in the morning. Please maintain the one way system on the playground.
- Staff members will be at the gates to help you find the correct entrance point so please do not worry.
- If a parent/carer needs to visit the school office, please observe social distancing whilst in the reception area and only enter when this is possible.

In these unfamiliar times, changes may happen quickly and we have to be fluid in our response. If any changes are made, we will let you know via email as soon as we can. Please follow our school Facebook page for quick updates and ensure the school office has up to date contact details for you.

We would like to take this opportunity once again to let you know how proud we are of our whole school community and its response during what has been some difficult and testing times. We look forward to seeing you March 8th.

If you do have any concerns or comments, please let us know by emailing Mrs Wilkinson on:

bursar@morecambabay.lancs.sch.uk

Kind Regards,

Mrs Collingwood,
Headteacher