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Dear Families,

I hope you have enjoyed the summer break despite the not so summery weather we have endured during the last few weeks and I am really looking forward to welcoming you and the children back to a new academic term at Redbridge Primary School. I wanted to reassure you that we have been working hard this week to ensure that we can continue to keep the whole community safe as we are still not out of the woods with COVID-19 and cases in Redbridge are rising still, although nowhere near the levels of this time last year.

As you will know the government have been a little less prescriptive around the COVID-19 rules for schools as they, like us, are determined to keep schools open and to ensure that the children receive the education they need and deserve. However, we will be remaining vigilant and keen to ensure we can do this safely. With this in mind we will continue to operate the one way drop off and collection route which worked so effectively last term (enter KS2 gates / exit KS1 gates) and although face coverings are no longer mandatory these are still highly recommended when you are entering the school site. The office will be open as normal from Friday morning, please be aware that this is a small space so please try to remain socially distanced where possible when in there.

The drop off and collection times for the children will no longer be staggered and a reminder of the timings are listed below. This was sent out to parents in July and this is just a reminder of the times. We will still be encouraging children and staff to wash and sanitise their hands on a regular basis when they are in school.

We are still required to provide adequate ventilation in the classrooms so this means opening windows and doors so you may want to provide your child with a cardigan, fleece or jumper as it will only get colder as the term progresses. Staff will still be encouraged to wear face coverings at collection times and when they are moving around school. We are not operating class bubbles any more or indeed staggered lunch times in the way we had to previously as government guidance has been relaxed on this also, as we try to return to some kind of safe normality.

Your cooperation and support has been greatly appreciated by all of us in school during this difficult period we have endured with the COVID-19 pandemic and this has helped us to keep everybody safe and I would urge you to continue to bear with us and support the continued all be it more relaxed measures we need to keep in place, as we strive to continue to keep the children, staff and you safe.

A polite reminder, to please communicate any important information to the school that we may need to know to keep your child happy and safe. This includes any changes in their contact details, medical needs, court orders, safeguarding agreements or any serious changes of circumstances. Please send any important changes via email to the school admin email address, making sure you include your child's full name and class. (admin.redbridgeprimary@redbridge.gov.uk)

We are all very much looking forward to getting back to some sort of normality in school and all the teachers are really excited about the full return of the children safe and sensibly.

Attached to this letter is further guidance on what will happen in the case of a major local outbreak or sharp rise in transmission in the locality. Our new Outbreak Management Plan is attached for information on this. Please take time to read this as much of the guidance from the government has changed.

I will be in the playground tomorrow to welcome you all back personally and am really looking forward to another successful and busy term at Redbridge Primary School.

Very best wishes,

Steve Davies
Head Teacher

REMINDER - Drop off and collection times from September 3rd:

- Nursery- 8.50am to 3.40pm
- Key Stage 1- 8.50am to 3.25pm
- Key Stage 2- 8.50am to 3.15am

