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Dear Parents,

Our new arrangements to keep everyone safe are working well and it is a pleasure to welcome all our children back to school. I can let you know that the children are really enjoying school and their learning. Thank you for playing your part in maintaining social distancing outside the school gates. To avoid congestion and in order to get the children into school promptly please arrive 5 minutes before your child's start time. Late or very early parent arrivals will have a negative knock on effect on efforts to keep everyone safe. It is a huge logistical challenge to make drop off and pick up times work safely and quickly. It is important that we work together to keep timings as tight as possible. If you are late for any reason and your gate is closed, please take your child to the main gate.

We have decided to move to year group bubbles across the whole school. Each class will be a pod within its year group bubble. This will mean that the school day will run more smoothly, and we hope will have a positive impact on the start and end of the school day. This change has many educational and logistical benefits and will not compromise safety. Parents with children in more than one year group should find this beneficial in most cases as it will reduce waiting times. We also now have our breakfast club and after school club in place to help mitigate against drop off or collection difficulties.

We are still refining our processes so please do let us know if there are any problems for you as result of these changes. Please refer to page 2 of this letter for the changes that will come into effect from next Monday 21st September.

We have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Deptford Park. A small number of children are at home awaiting the outcome of their tests. Please refer to page 3 of this letter for a quick reference guide on Covid related absence. If the test is negative, please email confirmation to info@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk and contact the school to discuss your child's return.

Please remember to:

- Ensure your child has their bottle of water, full school uniform, and comes to school in PE kit on the days they have PE, they will not need uniform on those days.
- Encourage good hygiene (hand washing, cough/sneezing advice - catch it, bin it, kill it);
- Remind children not to touch their face or put their fingers in their mouth.
- Ensure your child brings everything with them first thing in the morning in a small bag. We do not want unnecessary items brought into school.

We have received so many messages of support from parents and they are truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ken Johnson
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Head Teacher: Ken Johnson
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The following table has the new school starting and finishing times, as well as locations for picking up and dropping off. Each year group is staggered:

	Start time	Break time	Lunch time	End time
Nursery	Nursery: 9am Enter via the Nursery gate	N/A	N/A	Nursery:12pm
Reception	Gold & Copper: 8:55am Reception Gate	N/A	11:45am eat lunch (Dance Studio) Play on the Back Field	Gold & Copper: 3:20pm Exit via the Reception Gate
Year 2	Yellow & Purple: 8:30am Enter via the Main Gate	10:15am-10:30am KS1 Playground	12pm-12:45pm 12pm eat lunch (Infant Hall) Play in Infant Playground	Yellow & Purple: 2:50pm Exit via the Main Gate
Year 6	Garnet, Pearl & Jasper 8:30am Enter via the Football Cage Gate	10:00am-10:20am Football Cage	12pm-12:45pm 12pm eat lunch (Junior Hall) Play in KS2 Playground (B)	2:50pm Exit via the Football Cage Gate
Year 1	Rose & Green: 8:50am Enter via the Main Gate	10:30am-10:45am KS1 Playground	12:30pm-1:15pm 12:30pm eat lunch (Infant Hall) Play in Infant Playground	Rose & Green: 3:10pm Exit via the Main Gate
Year 5	Jade, Opal & Quartz 8:50am Enter via the Football Cage Gate	10:10am-10:30am KS2 Playground (A)	12pm-12:45pm 12:15pm eat lunch (Junior Hall) Play in KS2 Playground (A)	3:10pm Exit via the Football Cage Gate
Year 3	Ruby & Diamond 9:10am Enter via the Football Cage Gate	10:40am-11am KS2 Playground (B)	12:45pm-1:30pm 1pm eat lunch (Junior Hall) Play in KS2 Playground (B)	Ruby & Diamond: 3:30pm Exit via the Football Cage Gate
Year 4	Amber, Emerald & Sapphire 9:10am Enter via the Main Gate	10:55am-11:15am KS2 Playground (A)	12:45pm-1:30pm 1pm eat lunch (Junior Hall) Play in KS2 Playground (A)	3:30pm Exit via the Main Gate

We strongly urge parents to collect and drop off swiftly to avoid congestion. Late or very early parent arrivals will have a negative knock on effect on efforts to keep everyone safe.

Visiting school

We greatly value the informal contact between parents at the start and especially at the end of the school day. Sadly, however, until further notice we will not be able to receive visitors to the Office without an appointment. If you need to speak to someone at school, you can arrange to speak with them by phone or contact them by email info@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk.

Covid-19 related staff/pupil absence
A quick reference guide for parents/staff

What to do if…	Action needed	Return to school when…
My child has Covid-19 symptoms: • **HIGH TEMPERATURE –** this means they feel hot to touch on chest or back • **A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs • **A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE** – this means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the WHOLE household while getting the symptomatic person tested. Get a test. **INFORM SCHOOL OF THE TEST RESULT**	The test comes back negative and if the fever is gone. Children can return with a cough after a negative test as this can last for some time.
My child tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Quarantine the household for 14 days and the patient for a minimum of ten days.	Ten days has passed and they feel better but as household has to quarantine for 14 days they possibly can't return until someone is able to bring them. Can return with a cough after minimum of 10 days as this symptom can last for several weeks.
My child tests negative	CONTACT THE SCHOOL Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day).	The test comes back negative.
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE	For sickness/diarrhoea **MUST** be clear for 48 hours before returning to school.
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school. Self-isolate the whole household until person with symptoms tests negative.	When person with symptom gets a negative test.
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school. Pupil isolates at home for 14 days.	The child has completed 14 days isolation at home.
NHS test & trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with a confirmed case of Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school. Pupil isolates at home for 14 days.	The child has completed 14 days isolation at home.
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	Please do not travel if quarantine requirements will mean a child missing school as an unauthorised absence. Pupil isolates for 14 days from return date. Unauthorised absence fine may be issued.	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school. Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. Liaise with school re. home learning.	You are informed that shielding advice has been lifted and your child can return to school
My child's bubble is closed due to a confirmed case of Covid-19 in school.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Support your child at home with remote learning for 14 days. Siblings can come to school if their bubbles remains open. Family members do not need to isolate.	School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.