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Dear Parents,

Yesterday the Government confirmed that schools are to reopen on 1st June and we will be opening to Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Owls whilst also continuing our Childcare provision.

If your child is returning to school next week then please read the following information very carefully so we can ensure everything runs smoothly!

Groups

Groups have been organised based on teacher knowledge of friendship groups so that everyone has a friend in their group. There are lots of variables that we have had to consider when organising groups as some children will be in childcare, some children are not returning yet and we have kept siblings in school on the same day where possible. Due to the complicated logistics of this we cannot move children. You will receive a separate message via Dojo informing you of your child's group and also telling you the names of the children who have a place in this group too. This will enable you to talk to your child about who they may see in their group.

Staffing

	Squirrels 9.15 – 2.45pm	Hedgehogs 9.30 – 3.00pm	Owls 9.45 – 3.15pm
Group A Monday and Tuesday	Miss Hickman	Mrs Claxton	Mrs Adams
Group B Thursday and Friday	Miss Hickman	Mrs Hanwell	Mrs Adams

Childcare

Due to the increase in the number of children requiring childcare we have split the group in two. Each of these will be a separate group based either in Foxes or Rabbits classroom.

9.00 – 3.30pm
Group A Rabbit Classroom
Group B Foxes Classroom

School Lunches

From 1st June please order school lunches via ParentPay or send your child in to school with a packed lunch. If you are sending your child in with a packed lunch please make sure it is disposable and can be thrown away when finished. We recognise this goes against looking after the environment but at this present time we want to limit belongings going in and out of school. If your child is in Squirrels or Hedgehogs they will continue to receive a Universal Free School Meal and if you are entitled to Free School Meals then this will continue from 1st June.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BRING IN A WATER BOTTLE as these will be used at lunch times and throughout the day. There will be opportunities for these to be refilled during the day.





One way system

To allow for social distancing there will be a one-way system in place around school and Stepping Stones when entering and leaving the premises. Signs will indicate the way and staff will be out for the first few days to help the system run smoothly. The path at the front of school will be closed. Please do not bring scooters or bikes to school as there will be no secure places to store them at present.



Home school agreement

We want children to return to school happy and confident. We have kept many things the same but some things we have had to change to follow Government guidance to keep everyone as safe as possible. Our behaviour policy has been reviewed and I am sure that you will support this at home. The main points are outlined in our new Home School agreement which we ask all staff, children and families to agree to. This will ensure that we are all working together to ensure that our school is safe for everyone when we return.

By sending your child to school during this time you are agreeing to comply with the statements below in a Home School Agreement.

This is to ensure everyone is clear on the expectations for children, parents and staff.

The risk assessment is now available on the website for those that wish to read it. It will be under regular review to ensure that we are doing everything we can to minimise risk and to ensure that the children can settle back into school life as smoothly as possible.

Everyone at Uppingham C of E has been working incredibly hard to get our school ready for the children so they can come back to a familiar and safe place and we are all looking forward to welcoming you next week.

Best wishes

J. Exton

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Home School Agreement

for use during the Covid-19 pandemic

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The school will:

- Remind staff, parents and pupils to comply with social distancing guidance inside and outside of school
- Stay alert for any children or staff demonstrating symptoms of the virus and send them home
- Organise pupils into working 'bubbles' of no more than 15 children, and at least 2 adults.
- Ensure tables and work areas in 'bubbles' are as socially spaced as possible
- Remind staff and children to come to school in clean clothing
- Stagger arrival and collection times, and ensure collection points are clear, to enable pupils and adults to socially distance
- Organise the premises and pupil movement in a way that reduces contact with other pupils, e.g. having designated 'bubble' areas, toilets and playgrounds
- Zone outdoor areas to restrict contact between the different 'bubbles'
- Provide pupils with their own personal equipment/ small group equipment for use only by them
- Provide cleaning equipment for teachers and teaching assistants to use in all 'bubble' areas
- Follow cleaning routines to keep the premises clean throughout the day
- Provide soap and sanitiser for use by children throughout the school
- Teach and reinforce safe hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene at all times
- Ensure shared resources and toys are cleaned at least once a day
- Regularly review risk assessments, taking account the changing situation relating to the coronavirus and subsequent emerging government guidance
- Inform parents of any new changes in guidance for schools
- Ensure learning focuses on pupils' health and well-being, PSHE, English and maths
- Discuss the 'children will....' section when pupils come to school and as needed
- Do our best to make sure activities are fun and active whilst complying with social distancing (where possible)

Parents/Carers will:

- Comply with government guidance on social distancing for themselves and their children outside of school, in order to minimize the risk to the health and wellbeing of other children and staff
- Not bring their child into school if they have any coronavirus symptoms, or are unwell in any way
- Inform the school in advance if they are not bringing their child to school
- Ensure the school has up-to-date emergency contact numbers for their child
- Make contact with the school either via Dojo or office email or phone and not expect face-to-face meetings
Drop off and collect their children from school at the times allocated to them. Only one family member allowed onto school premises.
- Leave site promptly, not stopping to chat to other parents
- Ensure their child only brings a packed lunch, water bottle, hat and suncream (to remain in school if needed) to school
- Ensure their child comes to school in clean, suitable clothing every day, with shoes they can fasten independently
- Practice hand hygiene rules at home
- Discuss the 'children will....' section below with their child before they come to school

Please note that, if it comes to our attention that social distancing requirements are not being followed, your child will not be able to attend school for 14 days.

Children will:

- Stay two metres (3 big steps) away from other children as much as possible
- Try not to touch other people
- Not touch other people's things
- Only bring their packed lunch and water bottle to school
- Wash their hands when they arrive at school, before and after they eat, after they have been to the toilet and whenever the adult tells them to
- Wash their hands carefully with soap for 20 seconds (the length of song to sing as agreed by the class)
- Cough or sneeze into their arm
- Only play with the toys they are told they can
- Only use their own equipment for their table and learning area
- Stay where the teacher tells them to in the school building and playground

As a school we have followed the government guidelines and will try our very best to make Uppingham C of E as safe an environment as possible. We will reduce the risk factors by regularly washing hands, sanitising, cleaning, avoiding the mixing of 'bubbles' and encouraging social distancing (where possible).