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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you have had a lovely Summer holiday, and are looking forward to the children returning to school.

We are very excited to welcome the children back, and start the new school year.

We are doing everything we can to make Tweedmouth West a safe learning environment, and I would like to tell you our plans. There is quite a lot of information here – please read right through to the end!

- All the children will be starting on **Thursday 3rd September.**
- We want to keep the classrooms as clear as possible to make regular cleaning easier, so please send your child with :- **a book bag, a drawstring PE bag (which will stay in school), and a named water bottle** (no large backpacks please) We will let you know which day the children will need their field clothes. Everything else the children need will be provided by school.

- **Dropping off and picking up times**

We will be using all our gates to make sure there are no large queues out on the street. The gates will be clearly marked to show you where to wait. Please make sure you keep yourself and your child well distanced from others. Only **one adult per child** please, to keep the number of people at a minimum.

We ask **adults to wear face coverings** when dropping off/picking up children.

There will be signs on the gates to make clear where you need to be.

Reception - drop off between 9.00 - 9.15, and pick up at 3.15 at the main gate (there will be a sign on the gate to help you)

Year 1 – drop off between 8.45 – 9.00, pick up at 3.00 at the main gate

Year 2 – drop off between 9.00 – 9.15, pick up at 3.15 at the front door

Year 3 – drop off between 8.45 – 9.00, pick up at 3.00 at the car park gate

Year 4 – drop off between 9.00 – 9.15, pick up at 3.15 at the car park gate

- **Class ‘bubbles’**

We will be keeping the children in class ‘bubbles’, keeping the classes apart from each other as much as possible. Young children cannot maintain social distancing, so for us, the safest thing is to make sure they have contact with the fewest number of people as possible. This means the children will stay in their class groups, and we will ensure frequent handwashing/cleaning of surfaces and equipment throughout the day.

- **Lunchtime**

The children will be eating in their classrooms, as we cannot safely get the children to and from the hall to have lunch. Because of this, there is a temporarily reduced menu. **Thankyou to everyone for filling in this form so promptly.** If your child is having a packed lunch, they will eat in the classroom too.

- **Breakfast Club**

We will be starting up Breakfast Club from September 7th. This will be taking place in the hall, where we can maintain social distancing between 'bubbles'. We would ask you to book a place if you would like your child to attend, and the form can be found on Parentmail.

- **Uniform**

The children will be wearing their school uniform as usual. (*Check the website for details of uniform*) Please make sure that everything is named. No jewellery is allowed.

- **In the event of anyone showing COVID symptoms whilst at school**

If any member of a bubble develops any symptoms of COVID, they will be sent home and must self-isolate for 14 days, or until a test proves negative. We will be guided by the Local Health Protection Team on the safety of other pupils within the same bubble.

School will be subject to the Government's Test and Trace strategy.

If your child or anyone in the household is showing any symptoms of illness, **please do not send them to school.**

- **Coming to the school office**

If you need to come to the school office, please make sure you are wearing a face covering, and observe social distancing if there are others there.

Life in school is going to be a little bit different, but we learned during lockdown just how resilient our children are.

We are going to do everything we can to keep our school a safe, welcoming place to learn, and we know that you will help us to do that.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch either by email:

admin@tweedmouthwest.northumberland.sch.uk or leave a message on 01289 306151.

We look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Robertson

(Headteacher)