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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure, as with all of you, I heave a great sigh of relief that we have actually reached the end of the academic year.

It has been a year of great challenge, decision making and difficulty from a Headteacher point of view, and one that has taxed me to the limit!

However, it has also been one of loyalty, positivity and great hope.

The pupils have been simply fantastic throughout the year, despite lockdowns and isolations, just getting on with their learning and school life – simple but true.

I am always lifted by the determination and faith of children, and this year has been an exceptional example of so many instances of both. From Reception pupils to Year Six pupils they have all followed the rules, done all we have asked of them, been respectful of others around them and shown confidence and tolerance in each unfolding new situation. I salute them all and am proud of every one of them.

There will never be enough words (even for me) to do justice to the hard work and tireless efforts of my staff. They have all gone way above their normal teaching roles and steadfastly refused to give up when each new tribulation arose. Their devotion to keeping school a safe, learning place has been outstanding, and no amount of extra duties, extra unpaid hours or extra tasks have daunted their positive spirit or professionalism. My unreserved thanks go to them all.

I also thank the Governors for their help and support, especially Mrs Samson. Just knowing that I have their backing and that I have been able to contact them for assistance, often late at night or at a weekend, has been enormously important.

I salute the loyalty and faith shown by families who have continued to make Selattyn C.E. School a success, even in the most trying of times, and I thank them for their selfless cooperation, commitment and understanding.

Looking forwards to September, I have again put together a framework so that we all know how school will be operating. (Unless guidance changes over the summer holidays.)

Adhering to the latest DFE guidelines we will be using the following practice:

- According to the Government we are now in a 'New Phase'.
- Priority is to deliver face to face, high quality education to all pupils.
- Social distance will no longer be expected.
- Pupil attendance is mandatory.
- **Bubbles**

- It is no longer recommended to keep pupils in 'Bubbles'.
- The playground will be opened up to all pupils again, no separation.
- Pupils may mix across classes.
- School vertically grouped families will resume.
- Local curriculum sessions will resume. (Weather permitting.)
- Mixed year after school clubs will resume.

- **Assemblies/Collective Worship**

- Assemblies/Collective Worship will resume with the whole school being able to come together.

- **Communal Areas**

- Communal areas will no longer be restricted.
- There will be no need for the current alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch.
- Hall screens will be non-operational, they will be stored in the hall for use for small groups/medicals/tests etc
- Apart from first full week, pupils will come into lunch in their school families on a rota basis as before COVID-19.
- For the week beginning Monday 6th September, Reception pupils only, will come in to lunch first in their class group, all other classes will enter in their family groups on a rota basis.
- Flight trays for serving lunch to pupils will continue to be used for the Autumn term.
- Pupils will not have to collect their own cutlery as these will be put on to the tray by Wendy.
- Water and milk will be self-service for pupils, as before COVID-19.

- **Entry into school**

- Main gates and green gate will be opened at 08:30 and closed at 08:50
- All pupils should arrive at school between those times regardless of which class they are in.
- Teaching staff will be in their classrooms for 08:30 ready for pupils to arrive.
- Parents should say 'Goodbye' to their children at the main school gates and children should make their own way up the steps, round the front of the school, through the green gate and up into their own classroom. (The same procedure we have been following for the past year.)
- A staff member will be at the front of the school at the top of the main school gates as pupils arrive to welcome them in.
- Early tasks will be on the board, or organised, ready for pupils to do independently.

- **Exit from school**

(Please note, there continues to be a covenant in place regarding the rear access and gate. This entrance and drive way may only be used under strict conditions named in the covenant. Please contact the office should you need further information)

- All classes will exit school at 15:30.
- Main gates and green gate will be opened at 15:20.
- All parents/carers are asked to arrive up on to the main school yard to collect their children. 1 person only to collect please.
- All parents/carers are asked to wait for their children in their designated area on the playground. If they have multiple children they must wait in the area designated for the youngest child.

- Staff will allow children out, with normal safeguarding measures in mind, to their parents/carers as and when they see them.
- Pupils will exit school with their designated parent/carer in a safe and considerate way back down the same way as they entered.

RECEPTION 1W

- **FIRST WEEK BACK –**
 - New Reception pupils will have a staggered entry in two groups, over two days.
 - Each group will arrive at 09:30 and leave at 12:00. At each ‘taster’ session there will be an opportunity for parents to speak to Miss Ward, 1W Class teacher.
- **Work/curriculum**
 - There will be a complete return to normal curriculum. All subjects will follow long/medium term planning.
 - Remote learning, closely correlated with the normal school curriculum, will be available at any time, should circumstances require it.
 - Normal termly/yearly testing/assessments will continue as will normal day to day informal assessment of all pupils.
 - Sports sessions in classes 1W, 2B and 3PH will continue with Sports coaches.
 - Local curriculum sessions will commence in the Autumn term, weather permitting.
 - Forest school activities will continue in the Autumn term.
 - Moreton Hall art/drama connection will recommence in the Autumn term for Class 4M.
 - Positive Leap sessions will continue for designated children.
- **Toileting**
 - As there will be no ‘Bubbles’ there will be no need for a class rota for the toilet area.
 - Normal pre-COVID-19 rules will be reinstated.
- **Handwashing**
 - All pupils and staff will continue handwashing routines as before – wash hands under running water with soap for at least 20 seconds.
 - Dry hands on a paper towel.
 - Paper towel directly into bin.
 - Wash hands after going to the toilet, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing into hands.
- **Hand Sanitiser**
 - Hand sanitiser may still be used by all pupils/adults on entry/exit to a class room/area, and when otherwise deemed necessary for hygiene measures.
- **Hygiene Posters**
 - School will continue to use relevant hygiene posters including ‘Catch it, Bin it Kill it’ and Handwashing routine steps.
 - New posters will be made by the pupils and put up at the beginning of the term.
- **Control Measures**
 - **Ensure good hygiene for everyone**
 - **Maintain *appropriate* cleaning routines**
 - **Keep occupied spaces well ventilated**
 - **Follow Public Health advice on testing, isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19**
- **SCHOOL WILL HAVE A ROBUST ‘OUTBREAK’ MANAGEMENT PLAN** – in case of local areas being asked by Shropshire Local Authority or Government to reintroduce ‘Bubbles’ for a temporary period.

- **SCHOOL RISK ASSESSMENT will be updated for the Autumn term**

- **Test and Trace Procedure**
 - All parents should make sure they are up to date with current NHS Test and Trace procedures and isolation measures.
 - Helpful websites and information will be posted on our school website, COVID page.

- **Updates**
 - **Should there be a need to change arrangements for September they will be posted on the school website www.selattyn.shropshire.sch.uk so please be sure to check it over the holidays!**

I think that is it for the moment!

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy and safe Summer.
I hope the sun shines and you all have a well deserved rest.

Kind Regards,

C.P.P. Morgan (Head)