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Dear Parents/Carers

Returning to school for Year 1 and Year 2.

Welcome back! I hope you have had an enjoyable and restful summer. We are really looking forward to welcoming your child back to school next week.

Please take note of the new arrangements for the Infant School to reduce risks in school.

- Year 1 will be a year group bubble, they will have a separate playtime and lunchtime to Year 2 and will use separate toilets.
- Year 2 will be a year group bubble with their own playtime and lunchtime and separate toilets to Year 1.
- The children will play and learn in their classes and with their own year group.
- Year 1 and Year 2 can be dropped off at school between 8.45-8.55am.
- This will be a rolling drop off to avoid crowding in the school playground.
- Both playground gates can be used.
- Only one person per child allowed on site please.
- Take your child to the designated drop off area near their classroom (this will be signposted in school and staff will be available to assist).
- Please send your child straight to their teacher and leave promptly.
- It is very important that parents do not stay on site, but come quickly into the playground, drop off their child and leave immediately.
- At home time, please use the same procedures. Collect your child between **3.25-3.35pm**. Please leave as soon as you have collected your child.









- Children are not permitted to play on the equipment before or after school.
- If for any reason you have to queue, please do this patiently and maintain 2 metres social distancing.
- Children should not wear a face covering in school. Public Health England does not recommend face coverings for our age group. If your child wears a face covering to travel to school, you should remove this before sending them to their teacher.

Belongings

Children should bring their book bag each day and a water bottle – please ensure all items are named. Please also send your child's PE bag into school.

Communication

Unfortunately, due to the current risk, we have to avoid face to face conversations with parents/visitors. Please communicate with school via the school email address or by phone. If you need to visit the school office you will need to call first to make an appointment as we are not able to accept drop in visitors. We know this is very difficult and it is upsetting for us not being able to chat to our families, but this is for everyone's safety.

If you would like to see our Risk Assessment for the school reopening in September, this will be available to view on Friday on our Website: www.chapelendinfants.com/about-us.

I have also attached for your information a parent booklet 'Children and Young People Returning to School' produced by Waltham Forest Council.

Please use the following links for more information/support about returning to school.

- www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-earlyyears-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parentsand-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term
- youngminds.org.uk/blog/supporting-a-child-returning-to-school-after-lockdown/

We will not be providing remote learning for the time being.

Before your child returns to school, please help us by reminding them to cover their nose and mouth when coughing/sneezing, blow their nose with a tissue when needed and to wash their hands properly.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the school office via email or phone. We are looking forward to seeing all our families next week and thank you for your support in ensuring that all of our school community remains as safe as possible.

Yours Sincerely

Janice Chaplin Head teacher







