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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a year this has been! So much disruption and yet our children have been truly amazing and have been really well supported by home and by school. In spite of COVID and numerous isolations, the children have continued to enjoy their learning and have made good progress. Thank you all for working with school in order to cope with these extraordinary times.

I am sorry to report that the disruption in school continues, as very sadly, many school staff are isolating during the final two weeks of school, which includes myself. I am devastated to be isolating in the final two weeks of school, however I am very proud of the whole staff team who have shown great resilience and teamwork and ensured that the school continues to run smoothly. I am able to return to school on Friday 23rd July,

END of YEAR REPORTS

All children will bring home their end of year report on Friday 16th July. Within the report will be teacher assessments for Reading, Writing and Maths. At this stage, please do not be alarmed if your child has not met their original end of year target. We must remember that the children have experienced a disrupted year **and** adapted to online learning from home. Staff in school are aware that gaps in learning exist and will continue to address this in September 2021.

After reading the report if you would like to speak with your child's class teacher please call the school office and a telephone appointment can be made for you.

Also in your child's report is a 'Teacher Profile' which introduces you to your child's next class teacher - please share this with your child. Unfortunately we have been unable to complete our usual Transition Day on Friday 16th July so your child has not experienced being in their new class environment. This is a great shame, however to do this would be to risk more potential isolations as it would mean additional exposure to two more class bubbles. We will not put more children and staff in danger of isolating for the final week of the school year and into the school holiday.

CLASS ORGANISATION for September 2021

Please note: We have 12 available classrooms in Wrenthorpe Academy which means we have the capacity to take 45 children in every year group. From Y1 to Y6 children are organised into classes of 30 children, according to age:

Class Name	Teacher		Number of children	Year group of children
Reception				
REC SM	Mrs Mayman	Rec Phase Leader	23	45 Reception
REC SB	Miss Berry		22	
Key Stage ONE				
1H	Miss Hallwood		30	30 Year 1
1/2C	Miss Carter	KS1 Phase Leader	30	15 Year 1 & 15 Year 2
2B	Miss Brook		30	30 Year 2
Lower Key Stage TWO				
3C	Mrs Carter		30	30 Year 3
3/4M	Mrs Moodley	LKS2 Phase Leader	30	15 Year 3 & 15 Year 4
4D	Mr Deverell		30	30 Year 4
Upper Key Stage TWO				
5B	Miss Brown		30	30 Year 5
5/6P	Mrs Parry	UKS2 Phase Leader	30	15 Year 5 & 15 Year 6
6C	Miss Corner		30	30 Year 6

NEW STAFF

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to:

Miss McLean – Teaching Assistant and Dinner Supervisor

Mrs Dodd – Teaching Assistant

Mrs Rashid – Dinner Supervisor

Mrs Dyer – Dinner Supervisor

Mrs Harrison – Teaching Assistant

Our new staff will start in September 2021. We are looking forward to them joining our team.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

As Mr Dickinson (Trust CEO) has already communicated, our school will continue to follow the Covid safe procedures until the end of term. Sadly, positive cases are rising in our schools which impacts on children, staff and parents being required to isolate. Our aim is to avoid any necessary isolation periods for staff, parents and children. As a school we are used to inviting parents in regularly across the year for many planned events, such as: class assemblies, Christmas performances, parents evenings, sports days, charity events etc... We are certainly looking forward to the new academic year when we can plan to invite parents back to school. We are particularly keen to show parents our outdoor provision which the children have thoroughly enjoyed using this year. Sadly some of our parents (with children in Reception) have never been inside our school yet!

ORGANISATIONAL PLANS for SEPTEMBER 2021

Some of the changes we made to our school organisation during COVID we intend to keep as they have added to the general smooth running of the school.

1) We will keep a staggered start time in the morning and a one-way system to walk around school to ease the congestion in the morning and to make access to school easier:

- ✓ All children must be dropped off and collected by an adult by the classroom door.
- ✓ All adults/children will continue to use the one-way system around school.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The school day remains the same for all children (8:55am – 3:20pm)
- The only difference is that we are asking that half of the children enter the school gates at 8:40am and the other half enter the school gates at 8:50am to ease congestion.

MORNING	White School Gate OPENS at:	Classroom door OPENS
Class 4D, 5B, 5/6P, 6C and siblings ONLY	8:40am	8:45am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Please arrive ON TIME (8:40am). ✓ Walk through the OPEN school gate and around school with your child/ren using the one-way system. ✓ ALL CHILDREN must be accompanied by an adult. ✓ Children must line up outside the classroom door – your teacher will be waiting there for you. Parents may then leave the school site. 		

MORNING	Walk through the white gates at:	Classroom door OPENS
All other children	8:50am	8:54am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Please arrive ON TIME (8:50am). ✓ Please do not enter the school premises until 8:50am (to enable all other parents dropping off at the earlier time to leave the school site) ✓ Walk through the OPEN school gate and around school with your child/ren using the one-way system. ✓ ALL CHILDREN must be accompanied by an adult. ✓ The class teacher will be waiting for you at the start of the line, outside the classroom door. ✓ When your child is lining up, with the teacher, parents may then leave the school site. 		

HOME TIME	White school gates OPEN at:	Classroom door OPENS at:
All children	3:10pm	3:20pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adults please walk around school using the one-way system. ✓ The teachers will keep your child until a known adult has arrived to collect them. 		

2) Children will continue wearing their PE kit to school on the two days that they have PE.

- ✓ This allows more quality time to spend on PE.
- ✓ This has cut down dramatically on the amount of lost property in school.
- ✓ PE will commence in week 2 – the class teacher will inform you about which days wearing PE kit is required.

3) General good procedures for good health and hygiene

- ✓ Children will continue to bring a **water bottle** every day.
- ✓ Children will remain in the good habits of regular hand washing.

IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOL

Over the summer holiday, we will have phase one of our **School Perimeter Fence** completed. A new fence will be installed around the school field and alongside school next to the Wildlife Area outside Class 5B. Gates will be included to allow supervised access into the Wildlife Area, for children, when working in school.

The new term starts for all children on **Wednesday 8th September 2021**. My very best wishes for a lovely summer holiday. Best of luck and good wishes to all the Year 6 children who move on to join High Schools in September - continue to SHINE and aim to be the best you can be.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs J Coyle
Headteacher