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Dear Parents/carers

I hope you are safe and well. As I am sure you will all be aware, the government have announced that all children will return in September. **I am delighted that the Heathfield family will be together again.**

To ensure the safety of everyone in the Heathfield Family, there are some additional precautions we need to take including: enhanced cleaning arrangements, robust hand and respiratory hygiene, reducing contact and maximising distance between those in school wherever possible. Please be assured, despite the enhanced safety measures, **Heathfield will remain the calm, caring and wonderful place it has always been.**

A separate letter will be sent to First steps, Nursery and Reception parents detailing the transition arrangements.

### **Class teams (Bubbles)**

Each class will be its own team and will remain separate from other teams throughout the school day. This will include staggered start and end times, break times and lunchtimes. Each team will be led by your child's class teacher(s) and at least one other member of staff. Children will continue to receive high quality teaching to ensure your child can **keep up** with age related expectations.

### **Staggered start and end times**

We have staggered the start and end times to ensure that we can minimise the number of children and parents on site at any one time. If you have children across different year groups (Reception – Year 6) you drop off **all children** at the earliest class time and pick up at the latest collection time.

Access to the school site is from the pedestrian gate at the front of school only. **It is important that children and parents arrive on time to their allocated slots and not before.** Children will be asked to sanitise their hands before entering the building. Parents will not be allowed to enter the building and will need to follow a strict one-way system (see map below). Should a parent wish to speak to a staff member, this should be done via telephone or email. Cars will not be allowed past the church car park to support with social distancing.



Year 6 children can walk home on their own but a letter will need to be signed by parents agreeing to this. This letter will be given to your child in September.

Year Group	Start Time	End Time
First Steps (AM)	8:30am	11:30am
First Steps (PM)	12:00pm	3:00pm
Nursery (AM)	8:30am	11:30am
Nursery (PM)	12:00pm	3:00pm
Reception	9:05am	3:25pm
Year 1	8:45am	3:05pm
Year 2	8:45am	3:05pm
Year 3	8:50am	3:10pm
Year 4	8:50am	3:10pm
Year 5	8:55am	3:15pm
Year 6	8:55am	3:15pm

### What should my child wear to school?

Children should wear their full school uniform and this should be washed as often as possible. On the day your child does PE, children can come to school in their PE kit. **This is only on their PE day.** PE Kit includes: Heathfield white t-shirt or **plain** white t-shirt, **plain** black shorts or jogging bottoms and a Heathfield school jumper. **This is not a non-uniform day.** We are considering to continue with this approach long term and adapting our PE kit to include a hoody but all children must abide by the clear guidelines for this to be possible. First step and Nursery children do not need a PE kit.

### What does my child need to bring to school?

- Packed lunch (if they usually bring one) in packed lunch box
- Water bottle if wanted (disposed of or taken home each day)
- A coat if deemed necessary
- If it is a sunny day, sun cream should be applied just before coming to school
- Heathfield book bag only
- **It is important that nothing else is brought into school**

### What will happen if my child starts to show symptoms of Coronavirus?

If your child or someone in your household starts to display symptoms at home, you must **not** bring your child to school and arrange a test. Tests can be booked

online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.

If your child starts to display symptoms in school, your child will be taken to a designated room and you will be contacted to come and collect your child. You should then arrange a test. The outcome of the test must be reported to school as soon as possible. The household should self-isolate until the outcome of the test is known.

If the test comes back negative and your child no longer has symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), the household can stop self-isolating and your child can return to school.

If the test is positive, your child must continue to self-isolate for **at least 7 days** from the onset of symptoms and can return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day your child first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. **Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.**

### **What happens if there is a confirmed case in school?**

School will take swift action if a child that has attended school tests positive, taking advice from the Bolton's Health Protection team and ensuring all children/adults that have been in close contact with the person self-isolate for 14 days. Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.

### **Can my child wear a face mask?**

At this time, Public Health England does not recommended the use of face coverings in school as misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. If your child does wear a facemask to come to school they must not touch the front of their face covering during or after use. As they arrive in the classroom, they must remove and place disposable masks in the lidded bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag and parent takes home. Children will sanitize their hands after removing a mask.

### **What will the classrooms be like?**

The classrooms will look very similar to how they used to look. The displays are being prepared and refreshed for September as I write! One difference is that the children in Years 1 – 6 will be sitting in rows rather than table groups so that all children are facing the same way. In Years 1 – 6, children will have their own pencil case with their own individual resources to use. Children in First Steps, Nursery and Reception will continue to enjoy all the parts of the classroom and

outdoor environment and staff will ensure regular cleaning of resources and equipment takes place.

### **Will HOOSC be open?**

HOOSC will continue from September before and after school 8:00am – 8:55am and 3:00pm – 5:30pm. The end time is slightly earlier than usual as a result of the earlier start time. Places should be booked via telephone or email ([office@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk))

The staff at Heathfield are busy preparing for September, getting classrooms ready and planning lessons to support children get back into the routine of school and keep up with the year group expectations. Understandably some children will find it difficult to settle back in at first but we will be providing lots of opportunities for children to talk about their worries and concerns. I remain continually grateful for your support, loyalty and trust – we are deeply committed to doing our very best for everyone in the Heathfield family.

I will write to all parents again before we close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July but in the meantime, you can contact me at [events@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:events@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk) should you have any questions.

Please refer to the maps at the end of this letter.

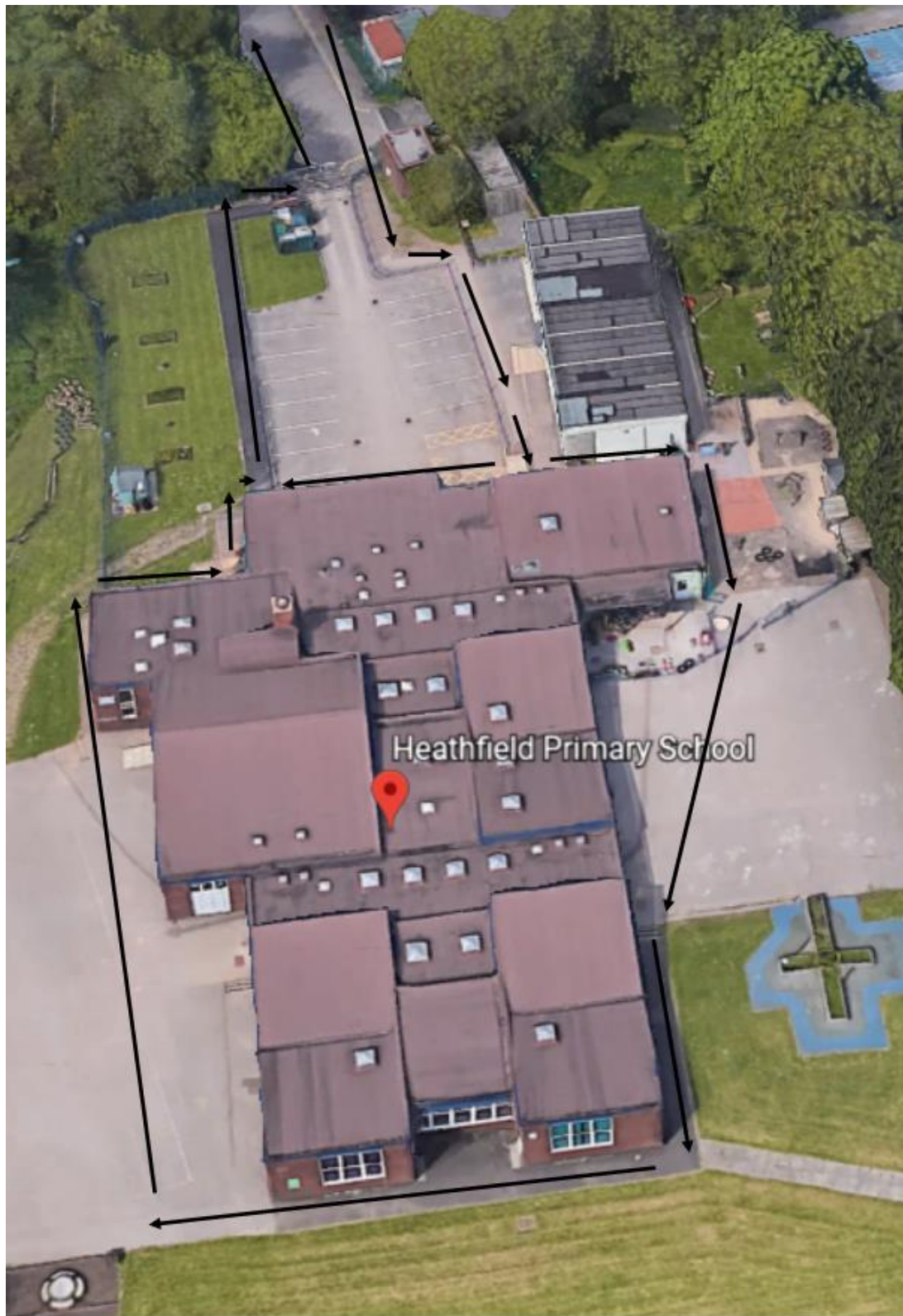
Best wishes to everyone in the Heathfield Family, Stay safe,

Yours sincerely

Mr. M D Thornley

Headteacher

How do I access/leave the site?





Where is the entrance/exit for my child's class?

