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26th August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Reopening of Downsell Primary for all year groups

I hope you and your loved ones are keeping well and had a good Summer break. Just before the Summer holidays we successfully opened our school for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6. Year 5 children attended Saturday school in July and Summer school in August. **Next Thursday (3.09.20), school will reopen for children in all year groups.** The Government has made it clear that all children must return to school in September.

We are looking forward to welcoming all children back. Due to Covid-19 we've made several changes to ensure all children and staff are safe at school.

Our **risk assessment and plans to open** our school **safely** have been approved by the Local Authority and it takes into account all guidance provided by the Government. Children will be in class bubbles and will have their playtimes and lunchtimes within their class groups only.

Extra cleaning measures are in place to ensure the toilets are cleaned regularly and internal doors will be kept ajar to prevent children staff having to touch them. Washing of hands will take place throughout the day (first thing in the morning, before break, after break, before lunch, after lunch and before the children go home) and children will be encouraged to practice “catch it, bin it and kill it”.

All safety measures we are putting in place, are there to help reduce the risk of the virus spreading and must be followed by all. In order to help with social distancing there will be a staggered start in the morning and when collecting your child in the afternoon. **We would like to encourage KS2 parents to leave their children at the school gates – there will be staff on duty at the gates who will ensure your child goes safely to their classrooms.** Unlike previous years parents won't be able to go into classes to help settle their child etc.

	Start time	Collection from school
Young Explorers/ Nursery a.m	8.40a.m	11.40am
Young Explorers/ Nursery p.m	12.30p.m	3.30p.m
Young Explorers/ Nursery Fulltime	8.40am	3.30pm
Reception	8.45a.m	3.10p.m
Year 1	8.45a.m	3.10p.m



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Year 2	9.00a.m	3.20p.m
Year 3	9.00a.m	3.20p.m
Year 4	8.45a.m	3.10p.m
Year 5	8.45a.m	3.10p.m
Year 6	8.30a.m	2.55p.m

All children will be expected to wear their school uniform to school. Children are encouraged to carry a water bottle from home as all water fountains are turned off and cannot be used.

We will be providing each child with a stationary pack which will be used only by themselves so there is no need to purchase any stationary.

To adhere to social distancing some school gates will only be used **to enter** and others **to exit**.

Downsell Road, 'Globe' – entry only

Corner of Downsell and Hall Road – exit only

Brierley Road – both entry and exit. (Please listen to members of staff on duty when entering/exiting)

For Nursery, entrance and exit will be through Nursery Gates, please use the ramp to enter and the staircase to exit.

To promote social distancing, members of staff will be at every gate during morning opening times and at the end of the school day. Where possible, they will accompany children to their classrooms, please do not enter the school grounds unnecessarily. If possible, please leave your child at the school gate and they will be walked to the classroom by a member of staff.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the school office or reply to the text message you've received from the school.

Please take care and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher



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