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Dear Parents and Guardians,

You should have received a letter via email from our Director of Education which offers broad detail about the return to school in August. In the simplest of terms it means each pupil will attend school for 2 days per week and the remainder of the week will see pupils working from home on work covered in school and set by teachers online and in learning packs.

We will ensure brothers and sisters attend school on the same days. It should be noted that whilst appreciating that every single family will have slightly different circumstances and needs (work and childcare etc.) it would be impossible for us to meet requests, at this stage, for specific days. Wherever humanly possible, we will try our level best to support all of our families.

In August, there will be some changes to our school uniform. It will not be possible for pupils to attend school wearing school ties, as the risk of viral transmission is higher with ties and from our experience in schools the risk will increase greatly with the interesting ways in which children interact with their school tie. This will be particularly bad news for our new Primary 1 *parents* who will have visions of pictures being taken of smart looking little people in crisp school ties, but as always, the safety and health of your children is of more value than any photograph. It would be suggested that pupils wear their polo shirt of school colour, light blue (the inclusion of the school badge is not mandatory at all). If you already have school shirts and wish to use them then this is of course fine but we would suggest school shirts could be uncomfortable in some learning situations. There will likely be no change of clothing permitted to be brought into school and so, if we go outside for P.E or other lessons, pupils will wear what they have arrived in. For this reason it is completely fine for pupils to wear tracksuit bottoms (grey or black) or to wear their normal school trousers/skirts. Again, the clothes they arrive at school in will be the clothes they will wear for that day with no facility to change.

It is logical that we will have to greatly restrict things brought from home and so we advise you avoid rushing to purchase backpacks, pencil cases and the like. The huge restraints on space and storage may mean we have nowhere to store school bags.

As always, thank you for your support.

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