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Dear Parents / Carers,

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Although some pupils have been able to attend New Bewerley over the past few weeks, we are now in a position to be able to give some additional information regarding the **whole school re-opening** on 9th September 2020. The information below is based on government guidance.

- On Wednesday 9th September 2020, **all** children should return to school. (New Reception children will have slightly different start days and times – please see your separate letter)
- Children should return wearing full school uniform.
- Children will be taught in year group ‘bubbles’ – a maximum of 60 children. Desks will be set up in rows, where appropriate for the age of the children, and all facing in the same direction. Reception and Year 1 will also have communal areas to support their learning.
- Staffing within these bubbles will be set so that children only have contact with a limited number of staff throughout the week.
- Breakfast Club (8:00am-9:00am) and Teatime Club (2:45-5pm) will continue to run times for children who have been allocated a place. Social distancing guidelines will be in place for those children who attend.
- There will be two separate playtimes and lunchtimes and each ‘bubble’ will have a separate area of the playground.
- Children will receive their lunches in the classroom instead of the school hall. Meals will include a hot meal option such as potato wedges, pizza, veggie hot dogs etc. Children can continue to bring their own packed lunch if they prefer.
- Children should not bring any equipment from home with them except for their book bag and lunch box. School will provide your child with a stationery pack in school.
- Very regular hand washing, sanitising and excellent nose hygiene will be encouraged all day.
- Classroom resources, such as PE equipment, will remain in ‘bubbles’ and be sanitised after use.
- Reading books will continue to be sent home although they will be subject to 72 hours quarantine before being re-issued.
- Wherever possible, homework will be set using our online app ‘Seesaw’.
- On PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE kits.
- Large gatherings, such as assemblies, will not take place.
- For adults, social distancing guidelines will be followed, at all times, in school.
- If any a parent/carer or pupil (including those who attend other settings such as nurseries or secondary schools, show symptoms of Covid-19 (new and continuous cough, high



temperature or a loss of taste/smell) school should be informed immediately and a test booked.

- If children show Covid-19 symptoms whilst in school, parents/carers will need to collect them as soon as possible.

Each year group will have staggered start and finish times:

- Year 1 and Year 4 should arrive at 8:30am and school finishes at 2:45pm.
 - Year 2 and Year 5 should arrive at 8:45am and school finishes at 3pm.
 - Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 should arrive at 9:00am and school finishes at 3:15pm.
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- Parents/carers should drop off and collect through their closest school entrance. This may be the main entrance on Bismarck Drive or the MUGA entrance on Dewsbury Road, next to Dewsbury Road library.
 - Parents from Year 3 to Year 6 should drop their child off at the entrance rather than coming on to the playground.
 - Children should be brought by no more than 1 adult.
 - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents should not congregate on the playground – as soon as your child is lined up outside their classroom, you should leave the playground.
 - Parents/carers should not enter the building unless by prior appointment. Please continue to contact us via telephone or email.
 - Parents / carers MUST follow social distancing guidelines and drop-off/collection timings. This is to ensure the safety of all children and adults.

The DfE is due to issue further guidance for whole school re-opening on 11th August. Schools have been advised not to issue further detailed guidance until after this date. I apologise for any frustration that this may cause.

If you have any questions/worries or concerns about the information in this letter, please email the office at secretary@newbewerley.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, planning in these uncertain times is extremely difficult. Guidelines and scientific advice changes regularly but the New Bewerley team are committed to supporting our children and families however we can. We really appreciate your patience.

Thank you for your continued support and have an enjoyable summer break.

G German
Headteacher

