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Dear Families

Welcome back to the new school academic year September 2020- July 2021. I hope that this letter finds you all well and that you have had a great summer, enjoying the wonderful summer sunshine that we have had.



What is the situation in school now?

Our school is now open to all children and the government expectation is that all children return to attending school full time. It has been a joy welcoming you and your children back into school. The children are happy to be back and have enjoyed seeing their friends and the school staff. We are following the government guidance for the full reopening of schools. We know that it will take a little while for us all to settle into the new routines that are in place to keep everyone in our school community safe.

Here are a few reminders:

- We are continuing with **staggered entry and exit times** at specific gates to reduce the number of adults around the school site. Please try and **arrive at the stated time** and remember to observe **social distancing** as you are queuing to either drop off or collect. There are bright yellow markers to help. **1 adult only** onto the school site please. Here is a reminder of the timings for each class

Class	Entry and Exit gate	School day from Monday 7 th Sept
Nursery AM session	Gate 6 Arkely Road	8.30 – 11.30
Nursery PM session	Gate 6 Arkely Road	12.15 – 3.15
Dolphin Class	Gate 6 Arkely Road	8.45am – 2.45pm
Seahorse Class	Gate 6 Arkely Road	9.00am – 3.00pm
Starfish Class	Gate 6 Arkely Road	9.15am – 3.15pm
Monkey	Gate 2 Stanley Road	8.45am – 2.45pm
Tiger	Gate 2 Stanley Road	9.00am – 3.00pm
Parrot	Gate 2 Stanley Road	9.15am – 3.15pm
Ladybird	Gate 5 Kings Road	9.15am – 3.15pm
Bee	Gate 4 Stanley Road	8.45am – 2.45pm
Dragonfly	Gate 4 Stanley Road	9.00am – 3.00pm
Kingfisher	Gate 4 Stanley Road	9.15am – 3.15pm

- You will have received a text this week reminding you that children need to bring their **water bottles** into school. These will be **sent home daily** for you to **wash, refill** and bring in again the following morning to ensure cleanliness at this time.

- P.E kits for the foreseeable future will need to be kept at home. On **PE days** children will **come into school in their PE kits**. This does not have to be their P.E shorts but can be tracksuit bottoms with their PE t-shirt, their school sweatshirt and either trainers or plimsols.
- Until further notice, we are **suspending** children bringing into school **cakes to share for their birthdays**.
- Reading books will be changed twice a week on a Tuesday and a Friday, to enable cleaning and rotation of books at this time. Children will be able to also take home a book of their choice from their class to share with you over the weekend and return it on a Monday.

In the next few weeks there will be a curriculum talk video that you can access which will detail the things that you need to know about your child's learning in their new year group. You can stay in touch with the teachers in your child's year group using the year group email. In **Year 1**, this is year1teachers@herne-bay.kent.sch.uk In **Year 2**, year2teachers@herne-bay.kent.sch.uk

Thank you all for your support with the actions that are being taken to keep our school community safe. Please continue to check the website, your texts and emails and our twitter account regularly for updates.

Kind regards



Mrs Helen Day
Acting Headteacher

