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Friday 21st August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Letter Two re Back to school safely– September 2020 onwards

As you're likely aware, the government has announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. They've decided this on the basis of:

- › The prevalence of coronavirus decreasing
- › More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools
- › Time out of school being detrimental to children's development
- › The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus

At Camelot School we are planning to open to all of our pupils in September. We can confirm that we are looking forward to welcoming every child in Years One to Year Six full time from Monday 7th September with half day preparation sessions for each year group on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September*. All our plans are to ensure we make the school a safe and enjoyable environment for all.

We wanted to get in touch to explain what you can expect from us and what we will expect from all of our parents and carers.

Safety measures

When your children come into school, we'll have the following protective measures in place:

- › Procedures for going to and from school, such as any changes to drop off and pick up plans or changes to which school gate your child will use for entry and exit to their school day
- › Rules on what pupils can take to and from school – e.g. only essential' items as informed – no bags on a daily basis although children will need to bring in a school PE kit (please remember to buy this now in preparation for the new term – simple white t shirt and blue shorts in the first instance)
- › New plans to ensure pupils are kept safe in school e.g. ensuring good personal hygiene, keeping them in Year Group 'bubbles', changing timetables, conducting regular cleaning plus social distancing measures

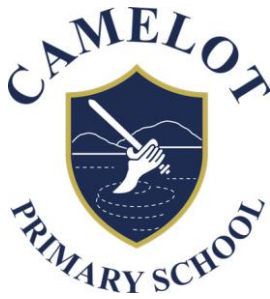
All these measures will form part of the whole school and individual Year Group risk assessments that are available from the school website or via email upon request.

Confirmed plans for how we will stagger bringing back all children and year groups are as follows and apply to the first week of September only and are as shared in our earlier letter of this week:

*** Current plans for Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September as follows (which will include lunch for pupils):**

Thursday 3 rd September	9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon	Only Year One and Year Two pupils in school
Thursday 3 rd September	12.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	Only Year Three and Year Four pupils in school
Friday 4 th September	8.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Only Year Five and Year Six pupils in school





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Attendance

Attendance will be mandatory in September, as the government expects all pupils to attend school. The usual rules will apply, meaning we'll be recording attendance and following up on any absences. However, if you've received clinical or public health advice that your children should still remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance. We will offer remote education to these pupils.

Curriculum

Although there'll need to be some changes to reflect the teaching time that was lost during the lockdown earlier this year, we'll still be doing our best to provide an ambitious, broad curriculum.

Our current plan is:

- increased focus on any catch up provision from the months since your child was last in school. The children will all be assessed in September and our curriculum provision adapted to respond to assessment outcomes. Please note, we will be asking parents to engage with Parent Consultation meetings later in September – plans to be confirmed about how parents will access these consultations
- to continue with the Google Classroom provision for homework and for children to complete work as set across the week. The likelihood is that all children will be accessing their Google Classroom provision regularly over the months ahead so planning for ensuring your children have a suitable computer/tablet available is recommended (The school is not advertising Currys PC World but their starter laptop is only £179 and they offer payment plans as little as £2.40 a month. All that is needed is that every child going forward has access to a basic laptop for their primary and secondary school lives so this is a highly recommended investment at this time.

<https://www.currys.co.uk/gbuk/computing/laptops/laptops/asus-c202-11-6-chromebook-32-gb-emmc-grey-black-10205065-pdt.html>)

Pastoral support

We're aware that the lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us, including our pupils.

Please let us know if you think your children might need extra support when returning to school, such as if they feel anxious about coming back or they're experiencing bereavement. You can get in touch with Miss Lou on 07903 185834 to do this on.

If you have any questions or concerns about the points we've set out above, please get in touch with either Miss Eastwood on 07931 615568 or Mr Robinson on 07944 720606.

We're extremely grateful for all the support we've received so far from the school community. We'll continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated government advice.

We look forward to confirming more details next week and we ask you to look out for our letters at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Robinson, Headteacher

