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Dear Camelot School Parents/Carers,

Back to school safely plans – September 2020 onwards

We hope we find you all well at this time and you will excuse the unusual step of sending you all an August letter. We hope many of you have had a good summer so far and many of your children have benefited from attending the only primary school in Southwark that has provided its children with free summer holiday provision (food and fun and often up to 8 hours a day!....#exceptionaleveryday #CHAMPS2020)

Today, the government launched their #backtoschoolsafely campaign and the details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>.

The government's Education Secretary leads the campaign by stating:

"As the start of term approaches, now is the time for families to think about the practicalities of returning to school in September, whether that's reassuring themselves that school is the best place for their child to be, or planning the school run to avoid public transport where possible."

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-campaign-launches-to-get-children-back-to-school-safely>)

At Camelot School, we will follow all this guidance to ensure we are able to bring every child back to school in September. To do this with everyone's safety as our priority, there will be a number of adaptations to plans that we wish to bring to your attention at this time. Further communication will follow but we wanted to give you all as much notice as possible so you can plan accordingly.

The key adaptations will see:

- Daily staggered start and finish times for different year groups (each year group will stay in separate year group bubbles across the school day including for play and lunchtimes)
- Allocated gates for different year groups, maximising the six different gates that provide access to the school including along Camelot Row and through the staff car park
- Uniform guidance that reduces the need for bags to be brought into school
- The use of Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September as half days for different year groups* to be introduced to their allocated learning and play areas. **Please note that the first full day for all pupils in Year One to Year Six will be Monday 7th September 2020** (Nursery and Reception children will have separate start dates confirmed to them in a separate letter).

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

*** 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

