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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head into the last weekend of the summer holidays, I just wanted to write to you all to say that I hope you have been able to enjoy the summer, despite the poor weather and to let you know about our plans for next week.

Wednesday, 8th September

The first thing to mention is that school does not start for children until Wednesday, 8th September.

This is because on Monday all the staff in school are having first aid training and on Tuesday training on how to help children manage their emotions during what has been a really difficult time for them.

Risk Assessment

Over the summer, Leeds City Council's Health and Safety team, using the Government's guidance on reopening have updated their Risk Assessment for all schools in Leeds.

Despite the majority of adults now having the vaccine and the relaxing of most COVID rules in public, Leeds City Council's Risk Assessment still contains many of the things we had to get used to last year.

For Parents and Carers the most visible signs of this will be that we will continue to have staggered start and end times to the school day and that we will continue to use the three school entrances.

I know for many of you, this will be disappointing news as you may have two or three children and you were looking forward to getting back to a time where there was just one start and end of the day. As soon as Leeds City Council change their advice on this, we will let you know.

Until then, our most up-to-date risk assessment is available on the school website: <https://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk>.

Breakfast Club

On Wednesday next week, our school Breakfast Club will be open from 8am for all of the families who need it.

Children should come through the main school gate and walk around to the Hall door where they will be met by our amazing staff and shown to their year group table (like last year). Here they will be served a lovely breakfast with activities they can do alongside their friends.

The Walking Bus

Our Walking Bus will be up and running again on Wednesday too for all the families who need it.

Mrs Haigh and her team will be at Woodville Mount (opposite the Hunslet Post Office Sorting Office) between 8.20 and 8.35am ready to meet you with a huge smile and a lovely chat as they walk to school from 8.40am.

Staggered Starts on Wednesday Morning

To try to make Wednesday Morning as easy as possible for everyone involved we are going to make it look and feel just like it did last year.

Year 6

If you were in Year 5 last year and are now moving to **Year 6** you should come to school just before 9am and wait at the **Top Gate** (just like you did last year). **Mr Sharpe, Miss Dennison** and all the Year 6 team will come and meet you on the playground at 9am.

Year 5

If you were in Year 4 last year and are now moving to **Year 5** you should come to school just before 9am and wait at the **Main Gate** (just like you did last year). **Miss Hick, Miss Fawbert** and all the Year 5 team will come and meet you on the playground in front of the main school porch at 9am.

Year 4

If you were in Year 3 last year and are now moving to **Year 4** you should come to school just before 8.40am and wait at the **Back Gate** (just like you did last year). **Mr Haines, Mrs Lachucik or Mrs Chambers** and all the Year 4 team will come and meet you at the back of the school at 8.40am.

Year 3

If you were in Year 2 last year and are now moving to **Year 3** you should come to school just before 8.50am and wait at the **Main Gate** (just like you did last year). **Miss Whiteley, Miss Bunce** and all the Year 3 team will come and meet you just in front of the Year 2 cloakroom at 8.50am.

Year 2

If you were in Year 1 last year and are now moving to **Year 2** you should come to school just before 8.40am and wait at the **Main Gate** (just like you did last year). **Mr Farley, Miss Roberts or Mrs Lindsay** and all the Year 2 team will come and meet you just in front of the Year 2 cloakroom at 8.40am.

Year 1

If you were in Reception last year and are now moving to **Year 1** you should come to school just before 8.50am and wait at the **Top Gate** (just like you did last year). **Miss Cromack, Ms Roberts** and all the Year 1 team will come and meet you near the middle football goals on the playground at 8.50am.

Reception

If you were in Nursery last year and are now moving to **Reception** you should come to school just before 8.40am and wait at the **Main Gate** (just like you did last year). **Miss Whitfield, Mrs Sidebottom, Mrs Kenworthy or Miss Bedlow** will come and meet you just in front of the main school porch at 8.40am.

Nursery

If you have children who were in Nursery last year and are staying in **Nursery** they should come to school at the same time, just before 8.40am **but this time wait at the Top Gate** and **Mrs Thornton, Mrs Headley** and the Nursery team will come and meet you at 8.40am.

Staggered Pick Up on Wednesday Afternoon

To keep it simple at the end of the day, we are asking everyone to come to the same gate at the same time in the afternoon as they did last year.

Please bear with us on Wednesday night when you are pick your child up. For most of the teachers, it might be the first time they have met you and they are just wanting to keep your child safe by checking who you are.

While you might know that you are the mum, dad, or family member of a child, our staff don't. Please be patient with them as we get to know you.

If your child is in **Reception**, they will only be attending for the morning for the first 2 weeks, so you should come to the **Back Gate** at 12.20pm

Staggered Timings

For those of you who like things in a table here it is...

Year Grp	Start of the Day	End of the Day
Year 6	Top Gate @ 9am	Top Gate @ 3.30pm
Year 5	Main Gate @ 9am	Main Gate @ 3.30pm
Year 4	Back Gate @ 8.40am	Back Gate @ 3.10pm
Year 3	Main Gate @ 8.50am	Main Gate @ 3.20pm
Year 2	Main Gate @ 8.40am	Main Gate @ 3.10pm
Year 1	Top Gate @ 8.50am	Top Gate @ 3.20pm
Reception	Main Gate @ 8.40am	Back Gate @ 12.20pm
Nursery	Top Gate @ 8.40am	Top Gate @ 3.10pm

Some questions

1. What if I have two or three children in school and they all start and finish at different times?

Like last year, please bring all of your children at whatever is the latest time one of your children starts school, so you only make one trip and you do not have to wait around school increasing your contacts.

Teachers are more than aware this will happen and children will not be given late marks for it.

2. What if I have two or three children who start at the same time but at different gates?

Consider if you trust one of your children who might be in Year 5 or 6 to walk to their gate on their own.

If your children are not old enough to walk on their own or you would prefer them not to, come to one gate and a member of the school's leadership team will walk your other child to their classroom for you.

No More Bubbles...

One of the main things you might have heard on the news is that children will no longer be taught in Bubbles. **This is only half true.**

The children will continue to spend most of their time in school with just the children in their class or year group to reduce the number of contacts they have. For example, on the playground there will only be two year groups out there at one time and they will have half of the playground each to use.

What is true and I am sure a relief to parents and carers, is what will happen if we have a positive case in school.

From now on if there is a positive case in a class, it will only be that person who has to self-isolate. All of the other children and staff will be allowed to remain in school, so long as they are under 18 or have been vaccinated.

This means there will be no more bubble collapses like back in June & July.

Things that will still be in place

What we will put in place to make sure that we keep your child safe:

- children will be asked to wash their hands multiple times during the day
- they will sit at tables set out facing the front
- they will have a pencil case (provided by school) with equipment
- they will be encouraged to avoid touching each other
- during the day, additional cleaners will be employed to clean areas of the school, such as the tables in the hall between each lunch sitting.

How we will help your child's wellbeing at school

We recognise that it may be a difficult and emotional time for both your child and for you. We are very aware of children's mental health and will help your children settle back into school. We will have:

- worry boxes around school where children can express how they are feeling and times when the class sits in a circle to share their thoughts
- sessions at the start and end of the day for children to talk and share their worries with the class
- a higher focus on children being outside in the fresh air, exercising and learning English, Maths and other subjects in a physical way
- specific people in school who the children know they can trust and speak to about what they are worrying about.

How we will help your child's education at school

The first three days back we will be settling the children back into routines and letting them get to know their new teachers and classmates. We will go over the school's behaviour policy and the children will come up with their own set of class rules for their new class.

Once that is done, the children will begin to learn about their new topic. If you would like to know more about which topic your child will be learning please visit <https://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk> and under Curriculum choose your child's year group.

Who is my child's teacher?

We know it is hard for Parents and Carers not being allowed into school as much as in the past. To help you get to know your child's new teachers they have created a letter and video which you can see by visiting <https://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk/welcome-back.html>

Any Questions

If you have any questions about the school's plans for September, you can call on 0113 2713804 or via email martin.lumb@hunsletcarr.co.uk where we will respond as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,
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