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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a good summer break and enjoyed the sunshine when it managed to break through the clouds. The weeks seem to fly by, but we are looking forward to starting back and school is well on the way to being clean, tidy and painted ready for the children's return.

As we approach the start of the new academic year we just wanted to make sure you have all the information you need to get organised and ready. To help try to keep things simple we have put together a checklist for you – hopefully with all the information you need on it. However, if you still have questions or think we have missed something then please just get in touch.

We are hoping that, with the further lifting of restrictions and new guidance in place, we can really begin to drive learning and deliver our curriculum in full this year – including the much missed Christmas play.

The new guidance now in place states that:

- We no longer need to have year group bubbles - all children and classes can now mix
- Staggered starts and finish times are no longer required
- Lunchtimes can now be more flexible.
- Assemblies can now go ahead and be face to face.

We have certainly had lots of guidance since the start of the pandemic and many anxious moments, but learning to live with Covid-19 is now very much the focus. On reflection, much of the organisation we have had in place during the past 18 months has benefited the children whilst in school and as such we won't fully be going back to our pre-covid organisation; it will be a blend of old and new!

However, there is always a 'what if' and we must still have a plan in place to manage an outbreak in school. If this happens then we will go back to functioning as bubbles within the school day. If this were to happen we will keep everybody updated.

Many thanks everyone; have a lovely couple of weeks and we will see you all on **Monday 6th September.**

Kind regards *M Narongchai*

Here are two useful guidance documents.

<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/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#exempt>

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