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Dear Parents/Carers,

Puffin Class Transition Planning – September 2020

As you know from my letter earlier this week, we are planning on Puffin Class returning to school from Monday 7th September. We are aware of the anxieties that you may have for your child returning to school after such a long period of time, but also the additional anxieties related to their individual vulnerabilities.

Puffin class will act as an isolated bubble in school and will only be accessing their classroom base, the hydrotherapy pool (with permission) and the outside space attached to the classroom. There will be a core group of staff working with the students, as well as a small group of staff who may also enter the room including; the school nurse, therapists and members of the senior leadership team. We will keep the number of adults entering the class to a minimum and have strict protocols in place for those entering/leaving the room.

We have been speaking to Zoe (Class Teacher), and have discussed how we prepare for Puffin class coming back to school, and also what additional measure we will be putting in to place, which are as follows;

- Reviewing all Care Plans with the school nurse.
- Full PPE for all staff.
- Use of face shields for intimate care routines and feeding.
- Additional staff training for use of PPE.
- Reviewing the class layout for ambulant and non-ambulant students.
- Additional class risk assessment.
- Option for staggered and flexible start and finish times to the school day (This will be dependent on travel arrangements).
- Students will eat in class.
- Staff/students to continue to have twice daily temperature checks.

Staff absence in the bubble may result in some students having to remain at home. Please do not be offended by this situation as we may have to phone you at short notice to request your child remains at home. This is for the safety of both your child, those in the bubble, and others in the school.

We request that you please sign the attached disclaimer form to acknowledge the potential risk in school regarding social distancing. This form also includes an agreement for hydrotherapy or swimming to take place.

Please contact us in school should you still have any concerns about returning to school in September. Please also contact us if you would like a phased return or reduced timetable.

Yours sincerely,



Scott Jarred – Headteacher

Parent/Carer(s) name(s):

Child name:

Date:

By signing this form, I acknowledge the information above relating to social distancing challenges in school. I understand that due to these challenges the spread of any infection, including COVID 19, is increased, and due to my child's medical needs/conditions this could put them at an increased risk.

Signed:

Please tick one;

I do give permission for my child to use the hydrotherapy/swimming pool in school_____

I do not give permission for my child to use the hydrotherapy/swimming pool in school_____

Please return this form before you child returns to school in September.

Thank you.