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Dear Parents,

I would like to say how much the staff at Tynsel Parkes are looking forward to welcoming back all the children on **Thursday 2nd September**. We hope that you have all had a lovely break and the children are excited for the start of the new school year. I thought it would be useful to let you know the current updates we have in school regarding how the school will continue to manage COVID on the children's return.

When the children return on **Thursday 2nd September**, there will no longer be staggered times at the start or end of the day. We will be returning to the normal times of the school day. The year group doors will be clearly marked to show where the children enter the school building. All adults to kindly stay behind the cones and if you have any questions for staff please phone the office at 01889 221920 or email, we are still having to limit the number of adults who enter the school site.

Reception - Year 4, doors open at 8:40 am and school day to start at 8:45 am, the school day will finish at 3:05 pm.

Nursery sessions: 8:30 - 3:05 (all day)
 8:30 - 11:30 (if no lunch)
 8:30 - 12:00 (morning session with lunch)
 11:30 - 3:05 (afternoon session with lunch)
 12:05 - 3:05 (afternoon session with no lunch)

To help to continue to reduce numbers on the yard, please can I ask for one adult per family at drop off or pick up times at the moment. Continue to socially distance on the yard and leave the school premises as soon as you have dropped off or picked up your children.

Your children need to stay with you and not run around the yard or play with the tyres, trim trail or early years' equipment, due to health and safety reasons, whilst you are

waiting for staff to open the doors. I would advise that you arrive at school between 8:40 - 8:45 to avoid overcrowding.

There will no longer be a one-way system in place on the yard however, I kindly ask that you respect others who are using the footpaths, please keep the left hand side. If this does not work we will have to review the one way system to support socially distancing.

You are no longer required to wear a mask outdoors on the schoolyard but you are very welcome to if you wish to.

What your child will need to bring:

- All pupils will wear full uniform (**label all clothing**), if your child has their ears pierced they should only wear plain gold studs. School policy states sensible smart haircuts, no hair dye.
- The school will still have to ventilate all classrooms due to COVID, please ensure your children have jumpers and layers as some days might be a little chillier than others.
- Children **will come to school** in their PE kits on their PE days- days to follow. Children will need to wear the school uniform kit, if children start to wear their clothes and not uniform we will revise this.
- A filled water bottle with your child's name clearly labelled- this will go home daily to be washed and brought back for the following day.
- Children will not be able to bring any of their toys from home to school due to health and safety reasons.
- Children will need to bring their book bags.
- All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Remember to order school lunches through SchoolGrid for Thursday 2nd September. Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 are welcome to order a lunch at a cost there will be a lovely choice of hot meals available for the children to enjoy.
- Your child **does not** need to bring any stationery all equipment will be provided in school, children will not be able to use any equipment brought from home, due to following our COVID risk assessment.

COVID UPDATES:

Do not send your child to school if they are displaying symptoms of COVID, a PCR test will need to be taken and wait for results.

If your child has been in contact with someone with COVID they no longer need to isolate, children can attend school although it is recommended to have a PCR test but children do not need to isolate whilst waiting for any results. Children would only need to remain off school if a PCR test is positive.

Roofing Works- Over the summer holidays we have been having work carried out on the school roof. Unfortunately due to the bad weather we have experienced over the weeks, the works have not been completed and will carry on into the first couple of weeks of term.

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday and know that you will support the school in providing an environment that is as safe as possible for all.

Rachel Chandler
Principal