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Dear Boutcher Families,

The Department for Education has instructed that all children should be back at school in full time education and we here at Boutcher have made sure our school is as safe as we can make it.

Attached is a sheet detailing the times and gates for dropping children off and collecting them. It is vitally important that you stick to these timings to ensure everyone's safety. Parents of years 5 and 6 must leave children at the Bacon Grove gate and wait outside the gate to collect them. Parents of Reception to year 4 should use both gates on Grange Road and wait either outside on the pavement or in the designated coned off area when collecting. Please observe social distancing and leave quickly to avoid blocking the entrances. Arrangements for Breakfast Club and After School Care were sent out in July and are fully explained again in the attached information. Unfortunately places are limited due to safety measures so please read the attached information carefully.

Children will spend their time in school in their class bubbles. Assemblies and whole school worship will be virtually transmitted into the classrooms. All necessary equipment has been put into individual packs for your child's sole use. Please do not allow them to bring anything from home with them.

Children can bring their reading book only in their book bags but no other bags should be brought into school except for lunch boxes if they wish to have their own packed lunch. School packed lunches will be served until half term after which hot meals will be available.

Homework will be set on Google classroom and uploaded as before. Tasks should be completed in their home learning book which they keep at home. In the event of a child self-isolating they will be able to access daily work also on Google Classroom which will be assessed and teachers will discuss with the child when they are back in school.

The water fountains cannot be used so please ensure that your child brings a water bottle into school with them. These can be refilled during the day in classrooms.

The attached sheet details your child's day for PE. Please ensure that they come to school on that day wearing their PE kit. Additionally, all children will need to come to school on Fridays wearing PE kit.

Teachers have begun the term by assessing where the children are at educationally and identifying any gaps that may have developed over the past few months. They will then plan accordingly to address these gaps.

Children's emotional wellbeing will be assessed through surveys and a daily tracking system to ensure we provide them with the help and support they need to stay happy and healthy. We will also baseline their fitness levels and work to encourage an increase in these levels, linking this to leading a healthy lifestyle.

The government may instruct us to carry out statutory tests that should have been conducted in the summer term. This would mean times table tests for year 5 and phonic screening tests for year 2. We will keep parents informed of their decisions over this.

Please read the attached information which will tell you all you need to know for the following few weeks.

Yours sincerely

Eilidh Verhoeven

