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Dear parents and carers,

We hope you and your families are all well, had a great summer and are now able to live life as normally as possible.

As you know children are returning to school across England as the Government has made it clear that schools are safe places for children and their need for an education and positive wellbeing is so important.

You will have heard a lot on the news over the past few days about how schools have worked hard to ensure they are safe and healthy for when the children return.

We are no exception! The details of how we will operate are laid out in detail in a letter sent to you on July 12<sup>th</sup>. We have not made any changes and it is still available to view on the home page of the school's website (<http://friarsprimaryschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Friars-reopening-letter-for-parents-10-07-2020.pdf>).

There has been an awful lot of discussion and reporting about social distancing and the use of face masks in school in the media as well. Regarding social distancing, the details are laid out in the reopening letter.

Regarding face masks: in England, for now, face masks are only expected to be worn by secondary age pupils in areas of local lockdown (and not in the classroom environment). Primary age children are not expected to wear face masks at all in school. However, if you want your child to wear one on the way to and from school that is fine but please can they put it in a plastic bag within their school bag during the day. Some staff may choose to wear masks around the site but they will not be wearing them in class.

As well as making sure we can identify the gaps in children's learning and acting quickly to close those gaps, we will be focussing heavily on their wellbeing and as such will continue to use the RULER programme that we introduced last year. We will also have some "Covid behaviour red lines" which means we will have zero tolerance of children doing things such as deliberately spitting or coughing at others or being maliciously physical towards others.

We also ask that you strictly observe the start and finish times outlined in the letter (and signage at the front of the school) and that you do not come on to the school site without prior arrangement or that you congregate in groups at the front of the school.

It has been a long time since the whole school has been open and we are so looking forward to having all the children back and being where they should be – in a classroom with their friends doing fantastic learning. We understand that you as parents may be a little anxious and that the children may also but we have got lots of measures in place to keep them safe. Ever since June 1<sup>st</sup> when we reopened to YR,1 and 6 the school has felt safe and well ordered. This will continue to be the case.

Southwark council have also produced an information booklet for parents that is helpful and reassuring. It is available to view and download on the homepage of our website. (<http://friarsprimaryschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Back-to-School-Southwark-Booklet.pdf>)

One final thing the children will have to look forward to is the amazing mural that has appeared in our playground. It is based on this most unusual year and is made of contributions from the children collated and produced by James

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Mayle of imageskool.com with much help from Miss Wratten. Once the children have seen it we will post pictures on twitter.

We also intend to have virtual meet the teacher meetings using google meets and we will send you details of those in the coming week. Just as a reminder I have included the start and finish times for each class below. We look forward to seeing you all from next Monday!

Year group and start date	Teacher	Rooms and play space	Structure of day
YN from Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Lindsey Elliot (senior EY TA)	Nursery classroom and half of EYFS outside space	Start: 8:45am Home time (Part time children): 11:45 Home time (full time children): 3:00pm
YR – Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Miss Foster	Reception classroom and half of EYFS outside space	Start: 8:50am Home time: 3:05pm
Y1 – Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Miss Castillo	Y1 classroom and first green section on playground	Start 8:55am Hometime: 3:10pm
Y2 - Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Miss Coate	Y2 classroom and middle green section on playground	Start: 9:00am Hometime: 3:15pm
Y3 – Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Miss Neal	Y3 classroom and blue section / dragon's den on main playground	Start: 9:05am Hometime: 3:20pm
Y4 - Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Miss McKenzie	Y4 classroom and first green section on playground	Start: 9:10am Hometime: 3:25pm
Y5 – Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Miss Kee	Y5 classroom and middle green section on playground	Start: 9:15am Hometime: 3:30pm
Y6 – Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr Tull	Y6 classroom and blue section / dragon's den on main playground	Start: 9:20am Hometime: 3:35pm
Breakfast club and Playcentre – Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Regular BC and PC staff	Hall and playground. Children to be grouped by year group on separate tables and zones in the playground.	BC: 7:45am – 8:45am PC: 3:30pm – 5:45pm

Yours sincerely,

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