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Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to inform you that in line with government guidance we can increase our provision for children at Tudor Grange Samworth Academy from next week and I would like to thank all parents who completed the recent survey so promptly in order for us to organise provision for the remainder of this term.

The children in school currently have responded so well to the new daily routines, that we are now confident that we can expand provision to cater for greater numbers of pupils each day. It is the continued support of parents, the hard work and positive attitude of school staff and the excellent behaviour of our children, which has enabled us to maintain the protective measures and safeguards we have taken, ensuring the safety of children, staff and families. Key to our approach has been maintaining the measures below:

- ensuring anyone with symptoms does not attend school,
- increasing hand hygiene,
- increasing cleaning regimes,
- bubble groupings,
- wherever possible, maintaining social distancing.

Government announcements continue to mention relaxing lockdown procedures in the days ahead and our risk assessments have therefore been updated to reflect these new procedures. Schools have been asked to consider welcoming more children back in group sizes of no more than 15 before the summer holidays.

At Tudor Grange Samworth Academy, we are pleased to announce that where parents have requested a place for their child for the last 2 weeks of term we can accommodate all children.

We have reviewed the capacity we have in terms of class spaces and also the staffing structures that we have in place. All children are being offered a full-time place for the remaining 2 weeks of the summer term, but with staggered start and finish times to ensure adequate social distancing measures can always be maintained. Schools are unable to alter the current 'bubbles' that children are in to ensure minimal mixing of groups, however we are able to add to each bubble to increase numbers and have done so using the children's age and year group to determine their bubble for the 2 week period.

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The details of the timings for drop off and pick up from school for each group are listed below:

Group	Arrival Time	Home time
Early Start, Nursery	9am	12pm
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	9.05am	2.50pm
Year 3, 4 and 5	9.10am	2.55pm
Year 6 (Arriving through Secondary Entrance)	9.20am /	2.30pm

Each child will have their own individual table and equipment, and will keep their work in a tray under their table. The cloak rooms will not be used.

Staffing.

Each bubble will be staffed by adults the children are familiar with.

Siblings.

Please note that drop off and pick up times will accommodate siblings in different bubbles and parents will be able to use the timings for their YOUNGEST child for all children within the family unit. We must ask that parents stick to the times given, to ensure that we avoid larger gatherings of parents and children on the school car park at any one time. If you arrive before your allocated time, you may be asked to wait until the time slot given to your child's bubble.

We would recommend rereading the Parental Consultation Document that is available on the website to remind your children of the structures of a typical day in school and photographs of what school now looks like have also been included. We have seen the children in school over the last 2 weeks flourish and easily adapt to the new routines that we have and I am confident that the return next week of more children will be a very welcome event for all children.

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Reminders.

- Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19.
- School packed lunches can be ordered on ParentPay for all children should they be required. Parents can choose the sandwich filling that their child would prefer and pay online.
- Children not ordering a lunch through school, must bring a packed lunch from home
- All children may wish to bring a healthy snack for morning and afternoon breaks.
- Children should bring a waterproof jacket and hat and a water bottle that can be refilled as required at school throughout the day.
- Suncream should be applied at home.
- NO other items should be brought in from home.
- Children are to wear school uniform but not blazers or ties. Uniform needs to be clean every day. If there are issues with children having grown out of items at this time in the year, please do not hesitate to talk to us at school.
- On your child's PE day they are to come to school in suitable school PE kit for the whole day.

Please note that home-learning will continue to be set on Class Dojo. This will continue for the remainder of the summer term for those children remaining at home during this time.

As ever, if you have any questions or queries then please do contact us at the school office email: office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk

We are very much looking forward to seeing more of the children in school again from Monday.

Yours sincerely

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