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## **Head Teacher: Mr Simon English**

Dear Parents

We hope this letter finds you and your family well and thank you for everything you have done to support your child’s learning through lockdown.

This letter has been written to go alongside the other letter you have received from school. This is due to some things in EYFS been very specific and we want to make the return to school as smooth as possible for your child.

Dropping off and picking up

**Morning Nursery** – 8.45am - Please wait on a cone in the little playground and a member of Nursery staff will come out to collect the children through the wooden gate. Unfortunately, at the moment, parents are unable to come into the cloakroom so we will take the children into Nursery. Pick up is at 11.30pm from the EYFS garden. We will open the Nursery gate and we are asking parents to wait in the garden area and one child will come out of Nursery at a time.

**Afternoon Nursery** -12.30pm – Please wait outside the Nursery gate down Gosforth Avenue, socially distanced. A member of staff will come out so the children are able to come into Nursery. Pick up is at 3.15 again from the EYFS garden.

**Reception** – 9.00 – Please wait on the playground on the yellow cones and a member of Reception staff will come out and take the children through the Reception cloakroom. Pick up is at 3.00pm and we are asking parents to come into the EYFS garden and children will come out through the Reception door.

Please ensure you are prompt to pick up your child as we need to ensure that learning spaces are cleaned between sessions to enable the environment to be as safe as possible.

If possible, due to the limited space in the EYFS garden we are asking if only one parent or carer can drop off and pick up at a time.

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform, especially jumpers and coats are named clearly. The children will be encouraged to put on and fasten their coat in school and fasten their own trousers. Lace up shoes are generally better to avoid at this age as they struggle to tie the laces.

Spare clothes

If your child needs a spare change of clothes, please could you send clothes in a named bag which will stay on their peg.

Toileting

To prevent EYFS having to use PPE with your child it would be very helpful if your child is toilet trained during the day before joining our Nursery. Please use the time in the summer holidays to toilet train your child is needed. In the event of a toilet accident, staff will need to wear PPE to change your child. You may be called to assist with changing. Any child who is not toilet trained will need to complete a care plan with staff.

Toys

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we are asking if children don’t bring toys and other items in from home into school. This is to help keep all of our children safe, as we have a rigorous cleaning system of our classroom resources in place.

Other childcare providers

If your child accesses more provision from a private day nursery or a childminder, please could you let us know via email. Please let us know which childcare provider will pick up or drop off and which days your child your will be going.

Speaking to staff

Although we are unable to have as many face to face conversations as we had previously to lock down, we still want you to feel part of your child’s early educational journey. If you need to speak a staff urgently, please phone the office and we will ring you back.

We will still have our phase email address and we would love it if you can send photos of the children learning at home, celebrations and successes which they are proud of. These photos will be printed and added to your child’s learning journey which we keep in school.

Please also ensure your details are all up to date with the school office, especially if you have changed your phone number over the last few months.

Thank you in advance for all your support during this time. We are really looking forward to both welcoming our children back and have new children start with us for the first time!

Mrs M Fellows (EYFS Lead)