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| **Highworth Combined School** |
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| Dear allFirstly, to all those celebrating, Eid Mubarak for the forthcoming festivities. I know that it will be a somewhat different celebration this year, but I hope that you able to enjoy it never the less. If you have contacted us to let us know that you would like your child to attend if the wider opening of school goes ahead, we will send confirmation of this in a separate message. Likewise, if you have asked for Critical Worker Childcare. Please note that this facility will be available even if wider opening to selected year groups does not go ahead.My message yesterday was that I had passed on all of the important information regarding the possible wider opening of the school. I was wrong! There is one more point that I need to make:        In order to reduce the mixing of adults and children from different ‘pods’ I need to ask you to ensure that you administer all medication to your child before they come to school. This includes hay fever tablets or medicine and the application of lotions, including sunscreen and treatment for eczema        The weather is hot and sunny at present. If this continues, it is essential that you apply sunscreen to your child before leaving home and that your child has a sunhat. We will be spending as much time as possible outside as virus transmission is reduced in the open air.I have written about the importance of ordering school lunches before. Remember, you **MUST** order by **Thursday 28th May** for next week and we will **NOT** be able to accept cash payments for meals on the day from year 6. If for any reason you cannot order a meal by Thursday 28th, you must send a packed lunch for all of the following week. Chartwells, our catering supplier are having some technical issues with online ordering. They will be sending this message to all parents with children in relevant year groups, but I am adding it here too: *Dear Parent / Guardian,**We hope you are your family are safe and well.**As you are aware your child’s school is preparing to open week commencing 1st June 2020 and we hope that you will start ordering lunches with us again.**We are in the process of loading a new menu to suit the current situation, and for the first week if you order a main meal it will automatically default to a ham sandwich packed lunch , if you order a vegetarian meal or a jacket potato this will also automatically default to a cheese sandwich packed lunch.**We are aiming to have the new menu loaded ready for week commencing 8th June 2020.**Thank you for your continued support**Your Chartwell Team*Attached to this document and also pasted to the bottom of this message is the promised summary of the information that I need all parents of returning children to read, understand and act upon. It is long, direct and not really in the Highworth style, but these are extraordinary times and I have to insist that you follow all of the instructions. Please do not be offended if we need to remind you about the points made; we have to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please also find attached an annex to our usual Behaviour Policy which will remain in place during the ongoing crisis.Thursday 28th May is currently the date set for the Government’s review of its 5 tests which will determine if their advice is to go ahead with wider opening.  Following this announcement, David Thomas and I will decide what happens next for Highworth. It’s not easy to weigh up all of the evidence so David and I will be guided by the advice of our professional organisations. I will let you know of our decision on Friday 29th May. Half term starts this evening and I know that you will join me in wishing all the amazing staff at Highworth a restful and happy week. I wish the same to you and your family; the demands upon us all at present are considerable. I hope the break from home learning might reduce some of them for you. School staff will all be taking a break so we will not be able to respond to phone calls or emails until Monday 1st June. My very best wishes to you all - Clare Pankhania**Parental agreement for safe return to school of eligible pupils on 1st June 2020****You must read, understand and agree every point before sending your child to school**The safe wider opening of school is dependent upon avoiding all contact with anyone who is, or could be, infected with coronavirus. The safety of our whole community is dependent on all of us following these rules. They must be followed:       I will never enter any part of the school site if my child or anyone in my household has any of the symptoms of Covid 19Symptoms of Coronavirus        high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)        new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)        loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal        My whole household will self-isolate for 14 days if anyone in the household has any of these symptoms, no matter how mild or whatever I think might be the cause       I will immediately inform Highworth School if my household needs to self-isolate       I will ensure that my child and the members of my household are tested for Coronavirus if necessary. I can use this link to book a test: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>       I will immediately inform the school if my child has received a positive test result for Coronavirus       I will contact the school before sending my child back if my child or anyone in my household has been ill with Covid 19 In addition, I know that in sending my child to school I am agreeing that everyone in my household will follow every one of these steps. I know that this is essential to ensure the safety of my child, Highworth staff and our community.        I know that if my child is unable to follow the rules to keep everyone safe, even if supported by staff to do so, I will have to collect them from school and I know that they might not be able to return during the current crisis        I know that I must not send my child to school if they are classed as being clinically extremely vulnerable        I know that I should seek medical advice before sending my child to school if they are classed as being clinically vulnerable        I know that whilst school staff will encourage social distancing where they can, my child will come in to close contact with other children and adults within their small isolated ‘pod’        I will ensure that my child arrives at school within the staggered start time of 8.45 to 9.30 (from 8am for Key Worker group)        If possible, I will walk with my child to school        If possible, I will allow my Year 6 child to walk to school on their own. If this is not possible, I allow my Year 6 child to walk from the school entrance to their classroom on their own        I will not allow my Year 6 to walk with friends as they will find it hard to socially distance        I will use the appropriate entrance to come on to the school site:o   Key worker children: use the usual pedestrian entranceo   Year N: use the ‘staff only’ wooden gate from the car parko   Year R: use the large metal double gates from the car parko   Year 1: use the usual pedestrian entranceo   Year 6: use the large metal double gates from the car parko   All children and parents may use the back entrances to the field, but must remain 2 metres apart from other families at all times        I will collect my child within the staggered finish time of 2.45 to 3.20 (until 4pm for Key Worker group) and ensure that I use the same gate to do so        I will take my child to the external door for their classroom and collect them from the same place (the gates to the quadrangle will be open to allow parents to do this).        When dropping off and collecting my child, I will stand 2 metres away from the door using the yellow lines in place. I will not go beyond the yellow line        I understand that my child will need to walk alone, the 2 metres, from me to the adult waiting to receive them and will ensure that if this not possible, that my child returns home with me        I will only remain upon the school site for enough time to drop off or collect my child and I will ensure that my children and I remain 2 metres away from any other family group for the whole of the time that I am on the site        I will send my child to school every day with a bottle of water with their name written clearly on it as I know that the school drinking fountains will not be available        I will send my child to school with their lunchbox if needed        I will not send my child to school with a book bag or rucksack and know that nothing else can be brought in or sent home from school        If my child is in Nursery, I will send them to school with a change of clothes in a named bag        I know that fruit snacks will not be available at school. If my child would like to eat fruit (fresh fruit only) at break time, I will send some in. It will be in a named bag or container.        I will ensure that the clothes my child has worn to school will be washed at the end of every school day        I know that I can choose to send my child in either their school uniform or their own clothes. These clothes will be suitable for PE and they will be wearing trainers or shoes suitable for PE        If my child is having a school packed lunch, I will order it on line before Thursday each week for the following week (for all year groups including Nursery and Reception). I will do this even if my child qualifies for a free school meal.        I will not send hand sanitiser to school with my child as I know that they will wash their hands many times during the day        I will ensure that I have given my child any required medication and applied sun cream or lotions before they come to school        I know that I will not be able to enter the school building unless there is an emergency involving my child. I will use the intercom, the phone or email to communicate instead |

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