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Headteacher Update

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We are currently formulating plans for next academic year, in line with the *Department for Education's* latest guidance regarding full school opening. This guidance is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Provisional plans for Lord Deramore's in the **autumn term** are likely to involve the following measures:

- Continued risk assessments to mitigate the risk of potential transmission
- Four secure bubbles, incorporating EY, Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6
- Fixed regular staffing (teacher/s plus TA) in each year group
- Continued additional cleaning, handwashing and PPE where appropriate
- Continued protocols in relation to suspected and confirmed cases within individual bubbles
- No extra-curricular clubs after school
- No assemblies or communal activities/gatherings
- No educational visits (including the Y6 residential - although we are awaiting further information from Robinwood about this)
- Designated entrances onto the school site for different bubbles – with protocols in place to limit the number of parents/carers on site
- A staggered start and finish time for Early Years (EY: doors open between 8.50-9.00am, collection at 3pm). All other classes would start and finish at normal times (doors open between 8.40-8.50am, collection at 3.15pm)
- School lunches served in the form of 'finger food', sandwiches and 'grab bags' – to be eaten in classrooms or outside
- Playtimes as normal but within secure bubbles and in designated areas of the school grounds
- Specialist teaching support in PE (Mr Holmes), Music (Mrs Martin), French (Mdm. Lawrence) and Computing (Mrs Chandler) will continue – although mobile staff must follow strict protocols in terms of teaching practice and contact with our children
- Discussions are taking place with *Kids Kabin* to ensure we can offer wrap-around provision for working families

These illustrative measures are not final and need to be consulted on with staff, the governing body and the local authority. I have provided them to you now so that you can gain a general feel for how we are planning for full reopening in light of the government's guidance.

Staffing – Autumn Term

In order to boost all children's support after lockdown, governors have approved the appointment of an additional classroom TA so that each year group has their own designated support colleague. I am pleased to inform you that **Emma Havercroft** has accepted this temporary position and will be working with Mr Richards in Year 5 next term. Ms Havercroft is better known as our dance teacher but she is actually a fully qualified and experienced primary teacher so we feel very lucky to have secured her.

Class Teacher and support staff deployment for the *autumn term* is as follows:

Early Years	Rachel Carr	Ann Bradley Kim Arthur (EHCP TA) Liz Williams (EHCP TA)
Year 1	Julia Jones Alison Gulliver	Becky Maddock
Year 2	Mary McCormack Amy Holden	Debbie Graham
Year 3	Suzie McKenna	Jane King
Year 4	Adam Sharpe	Sarah Pierotti
Year 5	Mark Richards	Emma Havercroft
Year 6	Helen Smith	Annette Lee Lara Howland (EHCP TA) Lisa De Sousa (EHCP TA)

Staffing Appointments

In the past few weeks, we have been busy recruiting for several posts. **Liz Williams** has been appointed as an EHCP TA. Liz is currently working at Carr Infants School but has also worked at the Haxby Road Speech and Language Centre so joins us with good experience in special educational needs. **Lauren Charlton-Matthews** will be starting with us in September as Miss Nicholson's job-share partner in the school office. Lauren has significant experience in administration and is currently at Ebor Academy Trust. Finally, we appointed our very-own School Business Manager (SBM) after using the peripatetic support service from City of York Council for the past couple of years. **Eleanor Jones** is currently the SBM at York Steiner School.

Our class teacher post for January 2021 (initially in Year 3) is now live, with a deadline of Sunday 6th September.

End-of-year Reports

Pupils' end-of-year reports are being posted out to parents and carers next week. If you have changed your address, please ensure you let Miss Nicholson know urgently. She can be emailed via lordderamores.primary@york.gov.uk

Thank you, as always, for your continued support -
James Rourke
Headteacher