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Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian

I just wanted to update you with how our preparations for re-opening in September are going and to reassure you about how hard all leaders and staff are working to make Oldbury Park as safe as possible for everyone.

The virus has not gone away and therefore it is still vital that we do whatever we can to minimize the risk factors in school. To support this, a new draft risk assessment has been written and is now waiting for the Government announcement later this week of any changes which will enable us to finalize it. The situation does remain dynamic however, and I have already made several additions to the draft copy over the last week as different guidance is released. By the end of this week, we should have received all the guidance for September re-opening from the Government and I will then ask the Local Governing Board for their approval before it is signed off by the legal department of the Trust.

In addition to the risk assessment, leaders have written guidance and protocols for all staff which will be shared with them on their training day before the school re-opens for children.

Bubbles have been organized although these will be larger than those during partial re-opening due to the numbers of pupils. We will continue to promote social distancing in and around school and therefore staggered starts and ends to the day will be in operation as well as at lunch and break times during the school day. Details will be sent to you prior to the start of term.

Mr Monkton has been extremely busy ensuring signage is in place and rooms are prepared appropriately. We have received all our orders for additional hand sanitizer, soap, disinfectant, and other cleaning materials and I am very pleased to tell you that we have also contracted three additional cleaners to work in school during the day who will continually disinfect touch points, such as door handles, taps and light switches as well as toilets to minimize any cross infections. There will also be a cleaning station in every room so cleaning products can be accessed throughout the day by any member of staff.

In addition, we are in the process of buying an industrial fogging machine for school so a regular "fogging" process can be conducted. This is where every area in the school is disinfected and this will take place prior to opening. and the result of the process lasts for 30 days. This will be repeated every 30 days to ensure that we are guarding against any contamination as far as we can.

Mr Williams is also purchasing a huge amount of new play equipment for the school from the PE budget so that each bubble can have their own equipment, and this will be cleaned after use. Again, this will minimize any possibility of cross contamination.

Each bubble has been allocated rooms and toilets inside the building and will also have outside areas to use.

Stationary has been purchased to ensure all pupils in Years 1- 6 will have their own personal equipment to use in school which will limit the need for anything to be brought in from home and will prohibit the need to share equipment.

We will be publishing information as guidance to parents both in written form and through video links so please look out for this over the coming week.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'D.S.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Di Smith Central RSA Primary Executive Principal