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Dear Parents,

We are really looking forward to seeing you all on Monday but want to share some more information regarding your child's return to school. Further consideration has been given to 'pinch points' around the school. Cloakroom areas are particularly tight areas which we must keep as clear as possible. Can we therefore ask that children **do not** bring bulky school bags, such as backpacks, as any bag will need to be kept on the back of the child's chair, along with their coat. Children will not be permitted pencil cases/equipment for the time being; all equipment will be provided for their personal use. Children having a packed lunch should use a lunchbox as usual that is clearly marked with their name – there is designated storage for these.

All children should have their own labelled P.E. kits which will be kept in school in a **lightweight drawstring bag**. Drawstring bags will remain in school, and will be sprayed with an antibacterial fabric spray weekly. Siblings will not be allowed to share kits. Full details of uniform and PE kit is available on the school website.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with a list of dates to look forward to this term. We will not be able to perform the usual assemblies or a nativity as we are unable to welcome you into the school building and we are all very sad about this. Our usual 'Meet the Teacher sessions are also unable to take place. This is a particular shame as we have had two teachers new to the school join us this year. However, each teacher will send home a letter outlining expectations, PE days etc. These letters will also give you an email address which you can use to communicate directly with your child's teacher.

Late Collection

As bubbles must remain in their part of the school, children will not be able to wait outside the main office if they are collected from school late. If you are late collecting your child, you will have to ring at the main gate and wait for a member of staff to be available to unlock and allow you access. The children will be waiting under the shelter on the playground with a member of staff. Whilst we understand that from time to time unavoidable delays occur, we must ask you to make every effort to collect your child on time.

Reminder of School times

Drop off

Collection

Nursery	8.30 – 8.40 am	11.30 a.m. or 3.00 pm
Early Years (Reception Class)	8.45 – 8.55 am	3.00 pm
Years 1, 2 and 3	8.45 - 8.55 am	2.55 – 3.00 pm
Years 4, 5 and 6	8.30 - 8.45 am.	3.00 – 3.05 pm.

The first week for Reception Class children looks different, but these are the times from 14th September.

Free School Meals

The extended lockdown has led to a lot of changes in people's personal circumstances. If your family income has been affected, do check whether your child is now eligible for free school meals by checking using this link. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Communications

We will continue to use email, texts and the website to communicate with our families remotely. If you have not already done so, downloading the school website app will push notifications to your device. Using your preferred app store, search and download E4education. The app looks like this. Simply enter the school

postcode (SS14 1UE) and click on St Teresa's. The app is simply to use and you will be alerted about news items.

Nursery

We still have places available in our lovely Nursery. Please share this information with any family or friend you may know who may be looking for a nursery place. Spread the word!

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Please remember to maintain social distancing around the school perimeter and gates.

Have a good weekend with your family.

Mrs Cashell