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Dear Parent/Carer,

I have attached an outline of behaviour expectations to share with children on our return to school from June 1st. This is in addition to our regular Behaviour Policy. Children will be introduced to our new behaviour values of '**Ready, safety and respect**' which will underpin our behaviour expectations at this time. As you can see from the attachment, we have crafted the wording so it is positive language for the children. Please also spend time at home discussing these expectations with your child/ren.

The priority is to ensure children return safely and have a positive reintegration into school life. We believe that in the groups (bubbles) that we have created, this will be achievable and that our staff will quickly establish caring relationships and routines with the children.

We fully expect that the return will pose a challenge to all of our children and there will be some for whom the challenge will be greater than others. Our plans to help those children will be met by the staff in each bubble who will be able to address the needs of individuals.

We will all be practising some form of social distancing where at all possible and maintaining our own personal space – staff included (No hugs or fist bumps!). There will be times where children will forget this and they will be reminded by adults in a calm, warm manner. If we believe that this is becoming an issue for individual children, we will contact you and ask you to remind your child about the importance of social distancing. We fully expect that working together, these lapses in concentration will stop and social distancing will soon become recognised practice as it has for us as adults in supermarkets and in the workplace.

There is another scenario for behaviour that we hope we do not encounter and that is if children wilfully ignore adults in school and put other members of the school community at risk by refusing to social distance or interfere with the belongings of another child. Again, we will inform you of our concerns and rely on your support in sharing those with your children. If there are continued breaches of any safety rules, where working together, targets and consequences haven't worked, this might jeopardise your child's place at our provision. I am sure this will not happen.

When children return, in order to follow guidance and reduce the risk of spreading the virus, we have decided that children will only need to bring their packed lunch, snack and water bottle. Do **NOT** send children to school with any bulky bags, stationery or PE kit (Unless uniform is being worn). We have said that children should wear trainers to school so we can quickly and efficiently take them outside for exercise sessions and do not need to wear uniform, although please dress sensibly for a warm classroom environment or warm outdoors! Sun cream (In a named bottle) will be allowed in school although where possible please ensure this is applied in the morning. A hat will also be required. We have decided upon the non-uniform policy to begin with, as this will help you to put your child's clothes in the wash as soon as they get home. Short sleeved garments are thoroughly recommended. If your child requires any medication then the normal medicines policy will apply.

If it is reassuring to you and your child they may bring in their own personal hand sanitiser to be kept on their desk although this does will not replace the need to wash hands. Please do **NOT** send children in with face

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coverings, masks or bandanas as this will make other children anxious. Please do explain to your child/ren that some adults may be wearing PPE that will include masks where appropriate.

We fundamentally believe that with the smaller groups and with two or more adults in each bubble, the level of pastoral care will be of the highest quality and therefore, behaviour incidents will be negligible. We also know that our children will come back wanting to support and care for one another. Please share the contents of both this letter and the behaviour guidance with your children.

As always, please email head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk with any questions. The staff and I look forward to seeing some of the children and you albeit at a distance from Monday June 1st.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Scott (Headteacher)