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## September 2020: Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Mrs Sedgewick, Head of Year 4 from September. After the unprecedented and challenging times, we are continuing to experience I am delighted that we will be able to welcome all of our Year 4 children back through the Upton gates in September.

As you will be aware from Miss Arthur's recent letter, arrangements have been made in light of the current government guidance issued to schools. In this letter, I will provide specific information concerning these guidelines and Year 4.



**Bubbles:** Children will be grouped in half-year group sized bubbles. The Blue and Green classes will be grouped together as one bubble and the Red and Yellow classes will be grouped as another separate bubble. Within each bubble, there will be teaching assistants to support learning and one additional teacher to allow smaller classes for English and Maths to aid the delivery of our recovery curriculum.

**Blue & Green bubble-** Mr Coleman, Mrs Regan, Mrs Sedgewick, Mrs Turner, Mr Jackson & Ms Barratt.

**Red & Yellow bubble-** Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Denby, Mrs Danson, Miss Spellward, Mrs Votta and Mrs Costin.

**Hygiene:** Pupils will be asked to either wash or sanitise their hands on arrival, before and after break time and lunchtime, and before they leave at the end of the school day. Please feel free to provide your child with their own hand sanitiser and/or hand cream if you would prefer to do so. Each classroom will also have cleaning kits so that surfaces and equipment can be kept sanitised.

**Seating arrangements:** As stated by Miss Arthur all classrooms will have forward-facing desks in September.

**PE:** Please send your child into school wearing their full PE kit, including their trainers every **MONDAY**. Please ensure pupils are equipped for outdoor PE e.g. a tracksuit, as PE will be taking place outside across Term 1.

**Change of shoes & coat:** Due to limited space for bubbles, we will be utilising our outside areas as often as possible, so pupils need to be prepared for all weathers, please. In September, please send

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your child in with a pair of wellington boots, outdoor shoes or old trainers that are suitable for wet weather and a carrier bag for them to be stored in along with a coat or cagoule. Please be aware these will need to remain in pupils' lockers throughout the entire term.

**Water bottles:** Please ensure pupils have enough water in school to last them all day, as water fountains continue to be out of action until further notice.

The Year 4 team and I are thoroughly looking forward to the new academic year and the positive return of all pupils after an extended period away from school. We are focused on pupils' well-being at the forefront, providing a safe and supportive learning environment and helping all pupils adjust back into Upton life. If you have any concerns or questions about the arrangements for September then please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Arthur.

Take care and stay safe,

*Mrs Sedgewick and the Year 4 Team*

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