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Dear Parents/Carers,

These are the plans we are proposing for the Reception children:

In order for the children to return to school the class sizes have to be halved. This will mean that Robins class will be split into two groups – Group A and B.

Robins A will be taught by Mrs. Preece in the Robins classroom.

Robins B will be taught by Mrs. Mellish in Acorns. Mrs. Mellish will be supported by Mrs. Siwicki (who of course knows the children extremely well).

The following will apply:

- Staggered start times – this is necessary in order to avoid a build of up adults and children entering the school grounds. We would be grateful if only one parent could bring your child to school. **More details to follow mid week.**
- Book bags. Please note that no book bags will be required to be brought into school. We are required to reduce the traffic of items to and from school to reduce the risk of infection.
- Reading books – no reading books will be sent home (as above to reduce risk of infection).
- Food at lunchtime will be **packed lunches only**. You are free to send a packed lunch in with your child; however, school can provide a packed lunch (as part of universal free school meals) if required. A separate letter will follow where choice of sandwich filling can be made.
- Drinks bottles – children will still be able to bring in their own named drinks bottle.
- Home learning – if your child is not attending school, we will be setting home learning as we have been doing.
- Hand washing – children will be required to wash their hands upon entry into school. Children will be reminded and encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the day as well as using hand cleanser gel.
- **Social distancing – we are sure that you will agree that young children will find social distancing extremely difficult. We will do our best to ensure social distancing but, at the same time, we would like to reassure you that if your child needs reassuring or comforting then staff will do so.**
- Classroom layout. We have been following some of the guidelines already issued by the Government with regard to classrooms. There will be no soft furnishings or soft toys. We have also had to put into storage some of the resources as they are difficult to keep clean and sanitised to a high standard. However, the children will have access to construction toys, books and most resources that the children are used to accessing in the classroom.

- Uniform – **Normal school uniform should be worn.** Children are asked to have a pair of trainers in their bag. No PE kits are required so trainers will allow children to still participate in physical activity.

We would like to thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do get in contact.