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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As I'm sure you're aware, there are changes to the government guidance for schools and by September, we are anticipating that we should be at Stage 4 of the government's planned route out of the restrictions so we are looking forward to having more flexibility in terms of our day to day operations.

The Main Changes

- Coronavirus is still very present in society, however given that the direct clinical risks to children are low and every adult will have had the opportunity to be doubly vaccinated by mid-September, the priority as a Trust is to deliver face to face education for pupils and limit the disruption previous bubble closures has caused.
- The guidance to wear face coverings in school has been removed but parents and staff are still encouraged to wear them in indoor spaces where there is little or no ventilation and where social distancing is not possible.
- **Test and Trace/Isolation** – Children under the age of 18 are no longer be required to isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace. Those identified by NHS Test and Trace as being in close contact with a positive case will be asked to undergo a PCR test. NHS Test and Trace will instruct the isolation period for these individuals. All those who are Covid positive, will still need to isolate for the necessary 10 day period.
- **Removing Bubble Integrity** – We will continue to work in year groups as we have been doing but children will mix in wider groups for interventions or nurture. Assemblies will take place with two year groups to begin with.
- **Risk Assessing** – we will continue to risk assess for Covid-19 at least each term and plan specifically to manage a local or national outbreak. We will continue to follow government guidelines and advice from Public Health England. We attach a summary risk assessment and actions below and this will be on our website.

We are excited by the opportunity of greater freedom of choice and flexibility but we also realise that the changes are a huge move away from measures which have protected us and reduced risk. Therefore, in school we will maintain some risk mitigation measures which have had positive impact on the school community but relax other measures in the safest way possible.

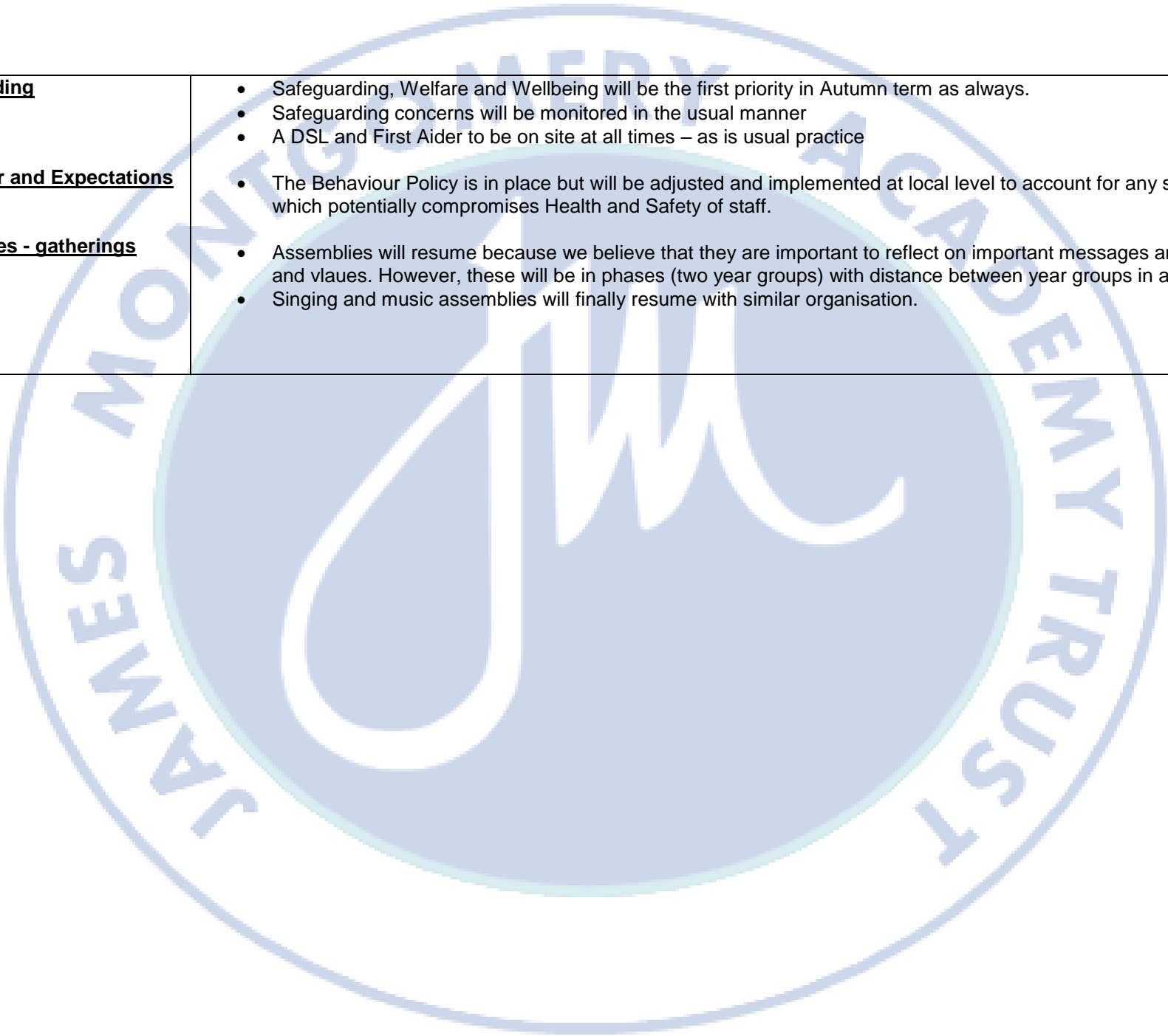
COVID SECURE MEASURES are now (listed in priority):

1. Hand Hygiene
2. Increased Hygiene Regime in setting (additional cleaning)
3. Engagement with Vaccine Programme by all staff
4. Observing NHS Test and Trace instruction and updated Infection Control Policy
5. Bubble integrity and minimising access to communal areas as and when instructed
6. Use of PPE.

SUMMARY RISK ASSESSMENT and ARRANGEMENTS for Sept 2021 onwards			
<p>Arrival and Departure</p> <p>We have tried to reduce staggered starts as much as possible. Where we have retained staggering, it is because of the lack of space available to have all year groups accessing safely at the same time.</p>	The staggered start and end times will continue during Autumn 1 in the following form:		
	Year Group	Drop off window and location	Pick up window and location
	F1	AM - 8:30am Fitzwilliam Street Entrance PM – 12:15pm Fitzwilliam Street Entrance <i>Enter and exit through F1 doors</i>	AM – 11:30am PM – 3:15pm <i>At F1 entrance</i>
	F2	8:45am – 8:50am Fitzwilliam Street Entrance <i>Enter and exit via outdoor learning space</i>	3:00pm <i>Outside of FS2 unit</i>
	Y1	8:45am – 8:50am Fitzwilliam Street Entrance <i>Enter and exit through the classroom doors</i>	3:00pm <i>Classroom doors</i>
	Y2	8:50am – 8:55am Fitzwilliam Street Entrance <i>Enter and exit via main entrance</i>	3:05pm <i>Main entrance</i>
	Y3 and Y6	8:45am – 8:50am Festival Road Entrance <i>Enter and exit through classroom doors</i>	3:10pm <i>Classroom Doors</i>
	Y4 and Y5	8:50am – 8:55am Festival Road Entrance <i>Enter and exit through Classroom doors</i>	3:15 <i>Classroom doors</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Festival Road and Fitzwilliam Street entrances will remain open to reduce congestion and ensure safety within the grounds. • Parents are not required to wear a mask outside unless they would prefer to at busy times. Parents are kindly asked to maintain distance with staff. • Children will still come into class independently to ensure a quick, calm and productive start to the day. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should a parents wish to speak to the teacher, for a longer discussion or sharing of sensitive information, we ask that you ring school to arrange an appointment or for a shorter message, simply 'catch' the teacher at home time.
<p><u>Teaching and Learning within the class</u></p> <p>Removal of Bubble Integrity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue to work and eat within year groups. This is working very well. However, specific groups will be formed across school where necessary which would have a significant positive impact on wellbeing or learning. In these cases, attendance of pupils will be logged. For example nurture and reading buddies. We are improving and increasing our nurture offer. Nurture will extend to all afternoons and lunchtimes and groups will be arranged on needs basis, not necessarily within year groups. Equipment and resources will no longer be quarantined. It will no longer necessary for children to sit children in rows – seating arrangements will be decided by the teacher. PE routines will be maintained with one longer session on one day and children coming to school in PE kits. The greater learning time that is planned outside, the better when the weather allows. Children are expected to be in full uniform and the policy has been shared with you. <p>The following additional risk mitigation measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our HLTAs and cover supervisors will be attached to consistent and specific year groups where possible Midday supervisors are attached to specific bubbles and if deployed elsewhere, maintain distance. We still have increased cleaning routines for surfaces. Hand hygiene routines will be maintained on changing location, before and after food and after toilet visits. Ventilation in rooms continues throughout the day (opening of high windows in Autumn) and complete ventilation will occur at breaks and lunchtimes The Emergency Evacuation procedures have been reviewed, adapted appropriately and put into practice. The Accessibility Plan has been reviewed and is fit for purpose
<u>Toilets</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are maintaining extra cleaning of the toilets. Routines in place to avoid groups in toilets will be kept and children will check if toilets are free before entering to avoid congestion and other year groups at busy times. We will supervise toilet visits for younger children.
<u>Lunchtimes and outside playtimes.</u>	<p>A full lunchtime service continues to be in operation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will still have staggered lunchtimes both for eating and playing. Tables will still be wiped between sittings. Children play within areas across the school site to create smaller groups of children, with resources. Lunchtime nurture will be maintained within the garden area. Children needing additional support with sportsmanship are coached A quieter space is available for those with sensory needs or specific additional needs.

	<p>Transmission rates outdoors and from pupil to pupil are low. Therefore, outdoor play and learning is encouraged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year groups will now be mixed outside with at least one other year group. • Additional outdoor learning and learning breaks (brain or sensory break) will continue to be at the discretion of the teacher as there is an ongoing understanding that children are still needing chunked learning due to a lack of stamina and limited concentration span.
<p><u>First Aid</u> There will be a need to minimise direct contact with children.</p>	<p>Typical response to First Aid requirements remain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE is provided for staff to use when dealing with Intimate Care of a pupil. This includes, Mask, Apron, Gloves and Visor. • All non-topical First Aid requirements will continue in typical fashion. Staff may choose not to wear PPE for this task at their will if this doesn't involve bodily fluid. <p>When a child has Covid symptoms, we ensure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff dealing with suspected Covid-19 cases wear full complement of PPE • A ventilated isolation area is used on the KS1 corridor if needed. • Please ensure the child is collected as quickly as possible via the main entrance should a child become symptomatic during the school day.
<p><u>Symptoms and Positive Test</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If anyone in setting develops symptoms of coronavirus, they will be sent home to follow public health advice and get a PCR test. • We continue to follow NHS Test and Trace incorporated into the Infection Control Policy. The school is no longer responsible for Track and Trace but will support where necessary by providing the necessary information. • There will no longer be a bubble closure should a positive case be confirmed and no one within the bubble will be required to isolated. The isolation will be related to the individual alone and the household.
<p><u>Remote Learning</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to remote learning will continue to be made, if the isolating pupil is well enough to engage.
<p><u>Educational Visits</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Visits are being planned in a typical manner.



<u>Safeguarding</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeguarding, Welfare and Wellbeing will be the first priority in Autumn term as always.• Safeguarding concerns will be monitored in the usual manner• A DSL and First Aider to be on site at all times – as is usual practice
<u>Behaviour and Expectations</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Behaviour Policy is in place but will be adjusted and implemented at local level to account for any specific known case which potentially compromises Health and Safety of staff.
<u>Assemblies - gatherings</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assemblies will resume because we believe that they are important to reflect on important messages and our school ethos and values. However, these will be in phases (two year groups) with distance between year groups in a well ventilated room.• Singing and music assemblies will finally resume with similar organisation.