



Dear parents and carers,

I hope you and your families are well and are keeping safe.

We are looking forward to welcoming children back to school as follows:

Year 6: Thursday Jun 11th

Year 1: Monday Jun 15th

Nursery and Reception: Jun 18th

We are phoning all relevant parents a few days before opening, so please do not send your children into school, unless you have already told us you would like a place. We need to plan staffing in advance, and will therefore not be able to accept any child without previous notice.

We are looking at ways to have all children back to school for a very short session before the end of the term, in order for them to say goodbye to their teachers and meet their new teachers. We are still developing plans to do this safely and will be in touch when we know more.

This is a reminder of our rules and arrangements; please read them carefully:

It is very important to realise that at this time we are unable to guarantee the safety of your child or family from infection or transmission of the virus.

Our plans include:

- To ensure safe social distancing the maximum class size will be up to **15** children
- **Most** children returning will **not** be taught by their own teacher, or in their own classroom.
- Children will remain in their group (or Bubble) with the same 2 members of staff for the foreseeable future unless they are absent or the situation changes. We aim for one of those to be a teacher.
- We will confirm with each parent if they wish their child to come to school on the day before they are due to start. We will base staffing on confirmed numbers, so no parent should send their child to school unless this is pre-arranged and unless we know about it.
- The start of the day will be at **10 am** and the day will finish at **2 pm**. Children will have a hot meal at lunchtime. **In addition: Free School Meal children will still receive their food vouchers for now.**
- Parents will be asked to drop their child off by the **big** playground gate. Please maintain social distancing and leave straight away. 2 members of senior staff will direct the children to areas of the playground where they will meet their relevant teacher and Bubble.
- Parents are asked to pick their child up at 2 pm. They must queue up outside the **small** gate, keeping 2 metre social distance. Parents will be admitted by a senior member of staff, one at a time. Parents will pick their child up from the playground and will be expected to leave through the **big** playground gate. Parents must keep social distance from others at all times and are asked to leave straight away.
- Year 6 children are encouraged to arrive and leave independently
- Parents can only enter the playground and the building if they have made an appointment. Parents should not approach staff at drop off or pick up times, as they will be busy ensuring everyone can stay safe.
- Children of key workers and vulnerable children who have been attending school during lockdown can continue to attend from 9.00 to 3.30.
- There will not be any facility for a breakfast club or any after school clubs, including the child care club, in order to minimise overall risk of transmission of the virus.
- The school day will look very different from how it usually is. In Years 1 and 6 the children will be working in line with themes and work set on the online classroom we are currently

offering. We are keeping this under review depending upon pupil and staff attendance or illness.

- Children and staff will be expected to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- Children will be required to sit separately at individual tables throughout the day and teachers will maintain a 2 metre distance where possible.
- Children will have breaks in their Bubbles, with the same staff members. At break times, children will be encouraged to stay apart but we cannot guarantee this will happen. They will only have break time with their small Bubble.
- Every child must bring their **own water bottle** as the drinking fountains will not be used. We will ask the children to clean their bottle when they come into the classroom. No other bags and equipment should be taken from home, including reading books and any bags.
- We ask parents to wash the school uniform each day, so children come in school with clean clothes. If this is difficult, parents may send children into school in their non-uniform clothes.
- We have an additional cleaner during the hours of 10am and 2pm, who will continually clean all touchpoints and toilets. However, it will not be possible to do this each time they are used. We will only allow one child to use the toilets at any given time, and this will be done under supervision.
- No playground resources the main playground - climbing frames, toys, balls - will be used as this risks transmission of the virus.
- All soft furnishings and hard to clean resources will be removed from classes.
- In the classroom, each child in KS 1 and KS2 will have their own stationery and materials - nothing can be brought into school.
- We will clean any shared resources, or remove them for 72 hours, but will try and limit shared use as much as possible.
- If a child or staff member displays COVID related symptoms they will be asked to go home and will be required to stay off school for at least 7 days. We would like for this child or staff member to be tested for COVID. If they test negative, they may come back to school sooner.
- The rest of the Bubble will be asked to stay at home for 14 days if a case of CV is confirmed. We will consult with Public Health if this is the case, who may advise to close the school for several days for a deep clean.
- Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell or if they display any COVID related symptoms (continuous new cough, fever, unable to smell or taste)
- School will **not open on Wednesdays** to children, (apart from those of key workers and vulnerable children) for planning and safety reasons. We will use this time to deep clean the buildings, plan and update the online learning.
- Some of the points above will be affected by the numbers of children who come to school. Dates are all subject to change, depending on Government advice.

Parents are not required to send their children to school, and we will not be finalised for not sending their child to school during this period.

I am fully understand the difficulties some parents are facing whilst supporting their children at home. It is also the case that many parents have real concerns about sending children back to school whilst the risk remains high. Whatever decision you make, please be assured that we will provide as much support as we are able to.

All the best

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