

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you again for your support and patience during this difficult time. As you will understand, our plans for a phased reopening have needed to be flexible and responsive to the current local COVID situation. Our Board of Trustees are meeting regularly to assess the risks and now feel that we can reopen school safely, following a phased plan as set out below. This may be subject to some changes following Government guidance and advice.

Monday 8th June - we will reopen to those Year 6 pupils who informed us before half term that they wish to return. This will be for 4 days a week Monday to Thursday.

Wednesday 10th June – we will reopen to those Year 1 pupils who informed us before half term that they wish to return. This will be for Wednesday & Thursday in this first week and then Monday to Thursday week commencing 15th June.

Monday 15th June – we will open to those Reception pupils who informed us before half term that they wish to return . This will be Monday to Thursday.

Following this 2 week period and by the 18th June, we will review our plans and risk assessments and will then open to further pupils from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. At this stage we may need to alter how many days we can offer to groups as building and staffing capacity will be stretched. Unfortunately due to the shared space of our EYFS we are not able to offer nursery provision at this stage.

Tomorrow we will be putting all of our safety documentation and risk assessments on the school website and would advise that you read them. This will hopefully give you confidence that school and our Governors have planned for all areas of risk and have put stringent safety measures in place to limit the risk of COVID infection within our school community and to make it a safe learning environment for pupils and staff. It will also support those families thinking about returning their child in the coming weeks to make an informed decision.

A reminder of what the key changes will be in school.

As far as reasonably practicable parents will not be allowed into the school building unless an appointment has been made. We will stagger drop-off/collection and playtimes so as to ensure social distancing is enforced as far as practicable. There will be designated access gates for the year groups returning and signage will be in place to support this (see attached map) There will be markings on the playgrounds for you to wait at for drop-off and collection times to ensure social distancing. All children will need to be brought to and collected from school.

As you will have seen, we are not permitted to have any groups larger than 15 in school, this includes the children of key workers. In reality the sizes of rooms that we have available mean that groups will need to be 11 pupils maximum and a capacity of 12 in Reception. We are unable to open nursery at this time.

There will be no hot meals served during this initial phase of reopening. Children will be given a packed lunch in a grab bag that they will eat at their desk. For the first two weeks of reopening all children (including critical workers) will be given a packed lunch. This is to diminish the possibility of an infection being brought into school. No food can be brought in from home. Please let us know if your child's dietary needs have changed.

There is no breakfast club available. There will be no after school clubs.

Staff will wear PPE, should it be assessed as necessary, when carrying out a specific task, for example First Aid, a medical intervention or supporting in changing a child.

Cleaning activities will be undertaken throughout the school day.

A separate isolation area will be provided in school ; this will be used should a child becomes unwell and/or shows symptoms of Covid 19 when in school. You will be contacted immediately and they will need to be collected as soon as possible. Any child feeling unwell should not be brought to school.

As indicated by the government there will be no attendance sanctions for families who choose to keep their children at home with them at this time.

What will school be like for those children in Year 6, Year 1 and Reception who have already indicated they wish to return.

- For the next 2 weeks we will be offering a phased return to school with the 3 year groups returning on different days. We have to have a staggered day of bringing and collecting children from their classroom to ensure social distancing of parents and children is maintained.
- Pupils will be brought to, and collected from school by one adult. Siblings are not to be brought on site unless they are also attending school. Scooters and bikes are not to be brought onto site.
- There is a designated gate for entry and exit for each of the year groups and only this access is to be used. The adult will stay with their child to line up on the playground, at a socially distanced marker until the pupil is called into class.
- Staff will not be available to speak to parents at drop-off or collection; messages for staff must therefore be passed preferably by email or by telephoning the school office.
- Children will be grouped in a class of up to 11 children and they will remain with that group. It is not possible to move children from one class into another and they will not be able to socialise with children from the other groups.
- Each year group will have a class teacher and a TA who will teach them when they are in school.
- The group will use their allocated room for the full day, including lunchtime.
- To limit the possibility of cross-contamination the children will remain in the same area and will not mix socially with children from other areas or year groups. This means that there will be staggered entry and exit times and staggered lunch times and break times.
- Staff in school will be practising social distancing guidelines and may need to wear PPE.
- Each teaching space will have desks for individuals that are spaced at a two-metre distance so that adult-led activities can be provided with social distancing in mind. The children will stay at these desks when in the classroom. They will have an individual set of resources to use.
- Children will be reminded to wash or sanitise their hands at regular intervals including on entering the building from outside, before and after their lunch and after using the toilet.
- Children should wear their normal school uniform. We would like them to wear trainer type shoes (which they can fasten) as they will be doing physical exercise each day. They will need to bring a coat, possibly a sun cap and have sun cream applied before school. They will need to bring their own, filled water bottle daily.
They do not need a bag or a PE kit. They will not bring a reading book home.
- If your child becomes upset or distressed we will contact you. We will also contact you if your child displays inappropriate behaviour which threatens social distancing and puts themselves, other children or staff at risk.
- To minimise the risk of groups mixing, children will eat their lunch in their allocated classroom (or outside where possible). All children attending school will be provided with a packed lunch.
- Our timetable in school will include maths, English, phonics, some topic themed work and using their designated outside space for strictly non-contact physical activity. Furniture and equipment used will be kept to a minimum to reduce the risk of infection.

We will continue to provide children who remain at home with weekly home learning activities emailed out on a Monday and staff will continue to stay in touch with these families.

We will continue to have a Critical workers group of children in school who will remain separate from other groups.

Please note only children who have already stated they will be returning to school need to be on site on their allocated day. School will contact those families who have already confirmed they are returning in Year 6 and Year 1 tomorrow with further information. We will contact Reception families early next week.

If you have any further queries about this information please do not hesitate to contact school. Stay safe and well.

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