



Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families are keeping well.

With latest government information regarding reopening of schools to certain year groups on 1<sup>st</sup> June, we thought it best to let you know answers to some important questions:

### • **What is the DfE directive?**

*'As a result of the huge efforts everyone has made to adhere to strict social distancing measures, the transmission rate of coronavirus (COVID-19) has decreased. We therefore anticipate, with further progress, that we may be able, from the week commencing 1 June 2020 to welcome back more children to early years, school and further education settings. We will only do this provided that the five key tests set by government justify the changes at the time, including that the rate of infection is decreasing and the enabling programmes set out in the Roadmap are operating effectively. As a result we are asking schools, colleges and childcare providers to plan on this basis, ahead of confirmation that these tests are met.'*

*'From the week commencing 1 June 2020 at the earliest, we will be asking primary schools to welcome back children in Nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 6, alongside priority groups.'*

*'We are also asking nurseries and other early years providers, including childminders, to begin welcoming back all children.'*

**Parents have the right to decide if they would like their child to return to school.  
There will be no fines for non-attendance.**

### • **How we are ensuring readiness?**

- ❖ We have produced a risk assessment for reopening (see attached document)
- ❖ We have arranged a learning timetable to enable us to adhere to government requests regarding social distancing and health and safety procedures
- ❖ Our cleaning contractors have been deep cleaning all areas of school in line with government health and safety standards
- ❖ We have arranged a set of 'rules and procedures' for children, staff and parents

## • How will we ensure Health and Safety for all children, staff and parents?

- ❖ Should a family member have COVID-19 they must inform school immediately and take expected action as directed by medical advice
- ❖ Should they or a family member show symptoms of COVID-19, they will inform school, and self – isolate in accordance with government guidance (7 days and 14 days for quarantine of family members)
- ❖ We will expect families and staff members to take responsible action ensuring that their health allows them to come to school.
- ❖ We will have two sessions of learning each day for not more than 15 children in each session- a morning and an afternoon session
- ❖ We will minimise contact between all by have staggered drop-off and pick-up times
- ❖ We will adhere to social distancing at every point of school day where possible
- ❖ There will be cleaning of used areas between each session by staff members and contractors will clean all areas each day after school
- ❖ Children who are clinically vulnerable and/or who cannot adhere to expectations of social distancing when asked to by an adult have been asked not to attend at this stage
- ❖ We will not be able to have face to face meetings with parents
- ❖ Parents will not be able to enter the school, unless specifically asked to by a staff member

## • How will our Learning Timetable look?

### FOR YN, YR, Y1, Y6

- ❖ We want to focus on academic catch-up and mental health and well-being for all children (and staff)
- ❖ We will have two learning sessions per day for each class (nursery, reception, Y1, Y6)
- ❖ We will rotate groups week by week so that children have alternate weeks of morning sessions and afternoon sessions for some classes
- ❖ This will continue until further year groups are asked to return to school
- ❖ Children of key workers and vulnerable children will be in as normal for the full day
- ❖ We will keep each class group with the same team of adults each day
- ❖ We will use a carousel timetable of learning to ensure solid learning of reading, writing, maths, PE, music, art, junk-modelling and DT. Each session will be half an hour and the children will rotate within their class group to these activities (this may look slightly different in Y6 with longer than 30 min learning slots per subject and slightly different activities)
- ❖ We are not permitted to allow free play where children cannot retain social distancing, so these activities will provide opportunity for social talk and play within the expected boundaries
- ❖ For this reason we will timetable PE session as far as possible each day for each group
- ❖ Morning session children will have lunch before they leave; afternoon session children will have lunch on arrival
- ❖ A story and reading slot will be timetabled at the start of each morning or afternoon session
- ❖ Children will not share resources and will have their own resources in a zip wallet
- ❖ Learning from the day will be brought home where possible for consolidation and as a way of engaging families in learning activities
- ❖ Children will bring their own water bottles to school each day – no use of drinking fountains
- ❖ We will have a summer term 2 Behaviour Code to ensure all follow guidelines (see attachment)
- ❖ We will have sharing times for sharing a worry and a wish each day
- ❖ We will not begin After School Clubs, Play Centre Provision or Breakfast Clubs at this stage

- **How will Lunch times work?**

- ❖ Lunch times will be with class teams only
- ❖ Social distancing will be maintained and hall set up for this to take place
- ❖ Hand-washing will be monitored
- ❖ Children may bring own packed lunch

- **What about transport to and from school?**

- ❖ Where possible families are asked to walk, scoot or cycle
- ❖ One parent to bring children to school
- ❖ Using least busy routes
- ❖ Bringing hand-gel, wearing face mask if using public transport
- ❖ Lining up at specific points along pavement to drop off and collect at gate
- ❖ Wearing face mask in line to drop-off and pick-up

- **Will there still be Home learning for all?**

- ❖ Project learning will be uploaded onto website on 1<sup>st</sup> June for all classes
- ❖ Daily reading is an expectation as always
- ❖ Learning packs for children not attending will be packed up in envelopes for collection from school or postage

Class teachers will be contacting you individually, but we will bring year groups back in stages. These dates will be reviewed closer to the time based on a government statement on 28<sup>th</sup> May and on specific guidance from the DfE and local authority. As things stand, these are reopening times for the four classes:

**Y6: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Y1: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Reception and Nursery: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020**

We will be guided by the safest options for reopening.

Please find a behaviour code for pupils and adults, as well as a letter from our local authority on our website/Latest News page.

Please talk to your child about how school life will be different this summer.

Kind regards and stay safe!

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