

Dear Parents

PHASED RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS - JUNE 2020

Since the announcement that schools would be starting a phased reopening from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, we have been looking at how we can do this as a school to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The government has stated that schools need to focus on key worker and vulnerable children, Year 6, Year 1 and Year R. Social distancing would need to be maintained for all those children in school, with a limit of 15 children per group/bubble. Groups of children always need to be kept separate during the school day and there should be no mixing of groups including staff. This may mean that your child will not be taught by their usual class teacher and teaching assistants, but rather by a teacher or teaching assistant from another year group. This is to try and stem the spread of any infection.

Within their own small groups/bubbles children will be reminded to observe social distancing and will be encouraged to remain 2 metres away from each other where possible. This will involve only using the toilet assigned to that group, remaining within their own bubble during break and lunchtimes and observing social distancing within this bubble in a specified area of the playground.

To reduce the risk of contamination between groups when they are using the classrooms at different stages of the week, in line with the government guidance, we will be removing all soft furnishings, role play and shared play items from the classrooms, including the removal of shared reading spaces. Along with staggered arrival and finish times for different year groups in school, with the aim of reducing the number of parents in shared spaces outside, although we will be asking parents to observe queuing systems in order to remain 2 metres apart.

Please rest assured that the health, safety and wellbeing of our children, families and staff are of the utmost importance and any return has to be managed with extreme caution and care so that all the necessary procedures and routines can be put into place. This means that a gradual approach needs to be adapted. Please be aware that for these reasons we are unable to offer full time places for children, until such a time that we deem it safe to do so.

Potential Plan going forward

To allow time to assess the numbers of children attending and to allow for the proper preparation of school, we will only be providing provision for keyworker and vulnerable children from 1<sup>st</sup> June

	<i>Reception</i>	<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Year 6</i>
<i>Week 1 1.6.20</i>	<i>Not in</i>	<i>Not in</i>	<i>Not in</i>
<i>Week 2 8.6.20</i>	<i>Not in</i>	<i>Not in</i>	<i>start 9:10am finish 12:30pm</i>
<i>Week 3 15.6.20</i>	<i>Not in</i>	<i>start 8:55am finish 12:30pm</i>	<i>start 9:10am finish 3:30pm</i>
<i>Week 4 22.6.20</i>	<i>start 8:45am finish 12:15pm</i>	<i>start 8:55am finish 3:15pm</i>	<i>start 9:10am finish 3:30pm</i>

*Continue as above until other year groups' return at which point the plan will change.*

In summary

Year 6 will return week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June for 2 half days per week, increasing to 2 full days the following week.

Year 1 will return alongside Year 6 from week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> June for 2 half days per week, increasing to 2 full days the following week.

Reception will return alongside Year 1 and Year 6 from week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June for 2 half days per week.

\*Children in all year groups will be allocated to a group and will attend for 2 days per week as above. We will confirm your child's allocated days once we have confirmed numbers from each year group, after we return from the half-term holidays. This will hopefully be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Initially from 1<sup>st</sup> June school will be closed every Wednesday for all children other than those eligible under the vulnerable/key worker child guidance. This is to allow staff to carry out a deep-clean between the exit of one group/bubble and the arrival of the next for their 2 days provision.

To maintain separation between the groups/bubbles, we will be unable to offer wrap-around care until further notice. As soon as we feel it is safe to provide this additional care, we will update our breakfast and after-school club parents.

We hope that this will help you to make your decision, about whether your child will return to school, a little bit easier. We would be grateful if you could let us know your intentions (if you haven't already) by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June please.

Kind Regards

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