



26th May 2020

Dear Parents

Re-entry to School

As you can imagine it has been a busy time at school since the Prime Ministers announcements that schools are to return in some guise or other. Unless we are directed otherwise on Thursday 28th May, we are ready to open for the Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils in addition to our Keyworker plus group who cover all year groups, on Tuesday 2nd June.

If your child belongs to the Keyworker plus group, you will have been sent an additional email from this one to confirm your Key Worker status.

Monday, 1st June INSET DAY

- I appreciate this feels odd having an INSET day when the school has been closed for 7 -8 weeks but that is exactly the reason why we need one. I have not actually seen my staff for 7 weeks as we have been communicating through email/ zoom meetings. The entire staff need to be fully briefed and prepared for our 'new' life in school, fully briefed on the contents of risk assessments and the new protocols and government guidance.

If you are a Key Worker and you are unable to make arrangements for this day then please let me know.

Parents drop off / collection and school office

- Each class has been given designated times and places to drop off / collect your children. These are staggered and it is important that the times are adhered to because we only have 15 minutes to get individual classes in and out before the next class arrives. You have been sent your email today with your time allocations.
- The pavements will be marked off outside each entrance to enable the children to line up. If you are accompanying your children to school please can I ask that only 1 parent does this, and that you observe the distance rule. Obviously, if your child is old enough to walk by themselves then this is preferable.
- Parents I have to request that you do not gather around the school before or after drop off and collection times.
- At the end of the day children will be brought to the designated areas and will be released to you individually. Please be on time as if any child is late, they can't sit in the entrance hall as normal they must be isolated until collection which will be potentially distressing for them.
- No parents are allowed in school. If you have messages, then please email the office or call and leave a message. There will be no home- school link books during this period. If you need to discuss anything with the class teacher then please, email the office and we can arrange a phone call for you and the class teacher.
- Any medication will need to be handed to the person on door duty, complete with the signed consent form, inside a named plastic bag/ container that we can sterilise before bringing into the school building. I will make sure that the consent form is available on the website so it can be printed off if required.



- Please send your child in with a snack, as the snack delivery will not be delivered during this time.
- Pack lunch boxes will need to be taken home at the end of each day and cleaned too.
- Water bottles are to be brought to school and taken home at the end of the day to be cleaned before returning.
- Please refer to my previous letter regarding pencil cases
- We have had to amend the school behaviour procedure in the light of re-entry, which I have attached to this letter. Please discuss this with your children before coming back to school. Of course, we will do the same in school, but it would be helpful if the children were as prepared as possible. Equally, school does look physically different so if you could discuss how different it will be with them that too will prepare them. On Friday, I will email some photos to you all so you can discuss them with your children.
- School uniform is to be worn once we are back to school. I have also been requested to ask parents to make sure that uniform is clean and washed daily. I am aware that little children's feet may have grown over the period of lockdown, and that parents may not wish to buy a new pair for 6-7 weeks before the summer holiday. If this is the case, please send you child in with dark coloured alternative shoes...no flashing pink furry trainers please or strappy glitter sandals or bright orange football trainers.
- Face masks are not be worn in school. If you decide as a parent that you want your child to wear one to and from school, that is your choice, but they will not be worn in school.
- If any child becomes ill with COVID 19 symptoms parents will be called and your child will need to be collected immediately. Again, if this is the case the child will need to be isolated in a room, not kept in the office as normal, which is potentially distressing so please be prompt in collection.
- If anyone in the children's bubble is diagnosed with COVID 19, the whole bubble will stop and the whole bubble will need to isolate for 14 days.
- The classrooms, toilets and common surfaces will have strict cleaning rotas throughout the day, and the school will be deep cleaned on Wednesdays when the only children in school are the Key Worker plus children.

When do the children return?

- Wave 1 children are Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children who are scheduled to return on 2nd June due to staff INSET day.
- The other Year groups, (Year 2, 3, 4 and Year 5 known as Wave 2) this date is unknown, but it will be on or around the 17th June however, the Government have been particularly vague around this point. Once I receive Government guidance then I will pass this information on. We are ready for the Wave 2 irrespective of the date we are given.

What will school be like?

- Different! The children will be in their particular "protective bubble" in a class of no more than 15 children. All the desks are separated by 2 metres. There are one-way systems marked out on the floor in the corridors and 2 metre marks in common areas/ school office etc. The playground and hall have been sectioned off and playtimes are rotated. There is no playground equipment available to the children, including the climbing frame structure. There will be some PE items available because we can clean these at the end of the day. The library and the art atrium have been sectioned off and all soft furnishings in the entrance hall have been removed. Each class has its own first aid and hygiene station.



- School will only be open for 5 days a week for Key Worker children with all other parents offered either Monday/ Tuesday and/or Thursday/ Friday. Wednesday is the school's designated deep clean day.
- We are aware that the return to school and the lockdown weeks may have been distressing for children and parents alike so we will make sure that we are mindful of the children's needs. We are and have always been, a school which nurtures its children and that is exactly what we intend to carry on doing. We will continue to "Educate Hearts and Minds"
- It will no doubt be a different experience for the children, but we will endeavour to make it as good as we can for the children who are returning to us. Thank you for putting your trust and faith in us.

Over the next few days, we will be receiving further guidance from the Government and hence it might be necessary to contact you again. Please keep an eye on Edulink.

I am in school all week so either call or email if you need your questions answered. I am also aware that there is a lot of "information" circulating on various social media platforms about what is or isn't happening. Unless you have read it on a letter with my name on the bottom or the school office on the bottom or a teacher's name on the bottom then do not believe it!

Many thanks for your patience in allowing us time to get the plan together.

Kind regards

Mrs Lisa Davies