

12th June 2020

Dear Families

I hope you're all well and staying safe.

As you will be aware, the government have asked that we begin to welcome back children in key transition years – nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 (in that order), as well as continuing to care for critical worker and vulnerable children. We have been asking families to let us know if their children will be attending then organising them into small teaching groups - 'bubbles'.

We don't have final numbers yet but I am going to attempt to explain the how coming back to school will work for you and your child.

All the strategies and routines put in place will be focussed on the following hierarchy of protective measures;

- **Avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms**
- **Frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices**
- **Regular cleaning of settings**
- **Minimising contact and mixing**

PRIORITISATION OF PUPILS & START DATES

In facilitating the return of these groups of children they will be prioritised in this order (as per Government guidance);

1. Critical worker and vulnerable pupils –Can start any time (most are already attending)
2. Nursery – Monday 15th June
3. Reception – Monday 15th, 22nd June or Tuesday 23rd June
4. Year 1 – Tuesday 23rd June
5. Year 6 – Tuesday 23rd June

TIMETABLE OF PROVISION

Group	Times	Days
Key worker/Vulnerable pupils	9:00am to 3:20pm	Monday to Friday
Bubble 1 (Nursery)	9:00am to 12:00pm	Monday to Friday
Bubble 2 (Reception)	9:00am to 2:50pm	Monday to Thursday
Bubble 3 (Reception)	9:30am to 3:20pm	Tuesday to Friday
Bubble 4 (Year 1)	9:00am to 2:50pm	Tuesday to Friday
Bubble 7 (Year 6)	9:00am to 3:20pm	Tuesday to Friday

The reason for most groups attending for 4 days is to allow for deep cleaning.

The reason for different start and finish times is to avoid congestion at entrances and exits.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in this matter.

PICK UP & DROP OFF

Please see the attached plan of school where entrances and bubbles are labelled.

Please observe social distancing at the school gates and drop off point.

In the interests of infection control, **parents will not be allowed onto the school site**. Only one parent should attend. Gathering at the school gates will not be allowed apart from in the queuing system.

Pupils will be greeted by staff and there will be a process in place for entering school. Children will be expected to wash their hands immediately on arrival.

Pupils should not bring things from home to school (including book bags) and vice versa.

Bubble	Entrance	Classroom
KW (Key worker/vulnerable)	3 – via car park	Hall & Spare classroom
1 (Nursery/Reception)	4 – via car park	Acorns
2 (Reception)	7 – via large main gate	Beech
3 (Reception)	8 – via large main gate	Willow
4 (Year 1)	9 – via small main gate	Pine
5 (tbc)	9 – via small main gate	Sycamore
6 (tbc)	1 – via car park	Elm
7 (Year 6)	1 – via car park	Oak

SCHOOL MEALS

We will continue to provide vouchers for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

All pupils attending full days during week commencing 15th June will need to continue bringing a packed lunch.

Our school meals provider will be up and running again and able to provide free infant meals from Monday 22nd June.

UNIFORM

Uniform is not compulsory. We understand that some children will have grown out of theirs and that you might not be able to have clean uniform every day.

The most important thing is that children come in clean clothes each day.

BEHAVIOUR

In the interests of infection control, social distancing and keeping each other safe, children will need to behave differently when they return to school. There will be new systems, routines and expectations that they will need to adhere to. As well as following our existing Behaviour Policy, pupils will be expected to;

- follow any altered routines for arrival or departure
- follow school instructions on hygiene, such as hand-washing and sanitising
- follow instructions on who pupils can socialise with at school
- move around the school as per specific instructions (for example, one-way systems, out of bounds areas, queuing)
- follow expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and avoiding touching their mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- tell an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- follow rules about sharing any equipment or other items including drinking bottles
- follow expectations about breaks or play times, including where they may or may not play
- use the toilets as directed
- try to maintain social distancing as appropriate for their age
- behave appropriately towards adults and each other

Pupils must not;

- cough or spit at or towards any other person
- ignore or refuse to follow adult instruction
- leave the classroom or school building without permission

Any breach of these behaviour principles can compromise the health and safety of other members of the school family and could result in your child's place being withdrawn.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Throughout our preparation for the wider reopening of school we have followed Government and Local Authority guidance. We have enlisted the support of our Health & Safety advisor and carried out extensive risk assessments. We have invested in a wide range of hygiene products and have clear systems in place for maintaining the protective measures highlighted above.

We look forward to seeing you all soon. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thanks

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