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Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

**Re: COVID-19 Phased return to school for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 6**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to inform you that school is now ready to open to more pupils.

The date we will be accepting pupils is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. You will only be able to send your child on this date if you have booked your child's place via a telephone conversation. If you decide you wish to send your child at a later date, you need to book one week in advance as places might not be available due to staffing.

**Drop off and collection times and where:**

Reception – enter & exit via Reception playground gate (double black gate onto Station Street). Drop off time - 8:40 (gates shut at 8:50)

Collection time - 3:00.

Year 1 – enter & exit via children's entrance (onto playground).

Drop off time - 8:40 (gates shut at 8:50)

Collection time - 3:00.

Year 6 – enter & exit via children's entrance (onto playground).

Drop off time - 9:00 (gates shut at 9:10)

Collection time - 3:15.

Key Workers – normal times and normal entrance.

**Bubble groups and staffing**

At present we are lucky enough to be able to place two staff with each bubble which improves the care and education for children in school. Where possible, bubbles will be led by staff familiar to the children, although this may not always be possible and your child could be with different teachers and not with their friends.

Bubbles will not exceed 15 children, following the Government guidance.

**Drop off and collection**

Parents are requested to be punctual and observe the social distancing markers when queuing. Staff will be around at drop off and collection times to assist with procedures. Please ensure only one adult drops off and collects at the specified times only to avoid queues and minimise risk. If you miss your drop off time and you are late, your child might not be able to attend as the staff will be with their bubbles and cannot leave them.

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Please do not bring your children to the Main Entrance. If you arrive later than the drop off times above and the gates are closed, we will not be able to accept your child into school on this day.

**Travelling to school**

Government guidance recommends avoiding public transport too wherever possible for travel to and from school.

**What to wear**

Children are NOT expected to wear uniform. This will ensure that parents are able to provide a clean set of clothes daily in order to prevent infection spread. These clothes should be comfortable and suitable for outdoor activities too. Your child will have PE on one afternoon each week, so their clothes need to be suitable to complete activities outdoors. Please ensure you provide warm jumpers and sun cream/hat when needed, depending on the weather.

**School meals**

School meals will be available as usual or children can bring their own packed lunch. School meals will be a cold packed lunch. Lunch will be in classrooms to minimise any infection spread. Children will be provided with bottles of water. They can bring in their own bottles but will be unable to fill them up during the day to limit virus spread. If you need to pay dinner money, there is a small red box on the wall outside the Main Entrance to school. You will need to put your money in an envelope marked with your child's name.

**Education and learning experiences**

In the first instance, staff will ensure all children are settled and will explain the new routines and reasons for this, providing reassurance.

**EYFS:**

We will be encouraging learning through play for our early years children during this time. Particularly in social and emotional learning, physical development & communication & language. There will be lots of outdoor learning, although with limited resources to avoid cross-contamination, within the small bubbles. We will be expecting children to social distance to the best of their ability, however, if your child needs to be changed or has a need for first aid, staff will be wearing masks and gloves.

**Year 1 & Year 6:**

Children will have their own table in class to encourage social distancing where possible. We are fortunate that, at present, all classrooms in use can be sanitised daily which exceeds the minimum requirements. Children will be washing their hands more regularly



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throughout the day. If your child uses any cream on their hands it is fine to send this with your child but please name it. We also have lots of antibacterial hand gel and tissues in school. Antibacterial hand gel is 70% alcohol based.

Please do NOT send your child in with any stationery from home and minimise bringing in of any other items unless absolutely necessary. School will be providing all children with personal named equipment as part of the protective measures.

**Key worker children:**

Children of key worker parents and vulnerable children can continue to access provision too, regardless of age. Please ensure you inform school of your requirements before attending for safety reasons. These children should continue to enter and leave school through the main reception area, using social distancing markers where there are queues.

**Covid-19 and showing signs of symptoms or confirmed cases within school or a family:**

If a child becomes ill or shows signs of Covid-19 in school they will be moved to a safe room and will wait there until you can collect them. A member of staff will be with the child and they will be dressed in PPE to ensure their safety.

If a child or member of staff is ill then that bubble may be asked to stay at home until the member of staff is well enough to return to work – we can't mix staff and place them into different bubbles to restrict the spread of the virus.

If a child/parent of the child/member of staff in the bubble are confirmed as a positive case of Covid-19 then that bubble/parents included will be asked to self-isolate. This will only happen if there has been a positive test for Covid-19. Until the test results come through we carry on as normal but I will inform you when we have a suspected case so you can make your own choices as to whether you wish to send your child to school.

A reminder that anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 is required to notify school and self-isolate, following Public Health guidance. Children or adults with symptoms should NOT attend school site.

We will continue to work hard to make school as safe as possible but I am unable to guarantee that the risk of COVID-19 infection is eliminated.

I hope this letter provides assurances to those returning. Remember, parents have the choice whether to send their children back to school and you must do what is best for your

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family situation. We will continue to provide learning activities for those children still at home. A reminder that **parents will not be fined if they choose not to send their children back to school at this time**. You must do what you feel is best for your individual family circumstances. If you decide not to send your child back to school, or if your child is in a different year bubble to those returning, we will continue to provide exactly the same learning activities as would be provided in school through learning packs and online learning.

I am thinking of you all and looking forward to the day when the whole school can join together again.

Take care & best wishes to everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Deborah Steen  
(Headteacher)