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Dear parents,

Thank you for responding so promptly to the parent survey that was sent on Friday. We have collated the information and we have enough interest from families to begin to open up for pupils, starting with Year 6 on Monday 22nd June. We then aim to open up to Reception and Year 1 pupils from Monday 29th June and Year 4/5 on Thursday 2nd July. Pupils requiring childcare from the wider year groups (Year 2, 3 and 6) based upon the criteria of 'vulnerable' may begin on Thursday 2nd July.

The closing date for the survey was on Tuesday; following the survey deadline, we are now full in our childcare provision. If you wish to start accessing childcare or teaching provision, please email school in the first instance to go on the waiting list. It takes hours to collate the information and write the risk assessments based upon the number of bubbles, available staff and the number of pupils requiring childcare/teaching and we have written them matched to the number of children in school each day. I wish to re-iterate the point that we have tried our best to ensure that the setting is as safe as possible for your child's return, as highlighted in the information below and the risk assessments attached. The Local Authority has reassured us that they are unaware of any cases reported at local schools, but the virus is airborne and also a 'super spreader', so there is always an element of risk, no matter how careful we are.

What have we done to minimalise risk? Please see the risk assessments for further information. The key highlights are listed below.

- Created bubbles of no more than 15 pupils, to allow for a greater floor space per pupil
- Ensured as much outdoor learning as possible
- Removed soft items from the classrooms and restricted play equipment
- Restricted flow around school so that bubbles are uninterrupted and contained
- Provided designated toilets for each bubble
- Ensured that lunches and playtimes are contained within bubbles
- Moved adults/children from childcare into teaching bubbles, asking for 7 days isolation between bubbles
- Created a cleaning timetable between 9:00am-3.15pm
- Restricted cross-site adult working
- Locked down staff to work with the same children each day
- Communicated social distancing measures to the wider community
- Requested that children do not wear uniform to ensure that fresh clothes are worn daily

Below is a guide to pick up and drop offs, adhering to social distancing measures. From next week, there will also be a video guide on the school website to help aid further clarity. If you have more than one child attending school, it is suggested that you drop one child following the guidelines below and then re-start the process for the other child/children.



Year 6 Arrangements
Monday 22nd June – Wednesday 1st July
Year 4/5 Arrangements
Thursday 2nd July – Friday 17th July

Drop off:

Children can be dropped off between **8.45am and 9.05am**. Parents will stand at the 2m social distancing ribbons on the fence, outside the main school pedestrian gate. If children are walking to school on their own – the same protocol applies. A staff member will be standing near the gate to welcome families. Year 6 children will enter through the main green gate and walk to their classroom, put their items on the pegs just outside their classroom door, wash their hands and enter the classroom. Parents will not enter the school site and will leave after seeing that the child has safely entered school.

Lunch will be served in the same room. They will have access to their own toilets and they will be cleaned regularly throughout the day. Staggered playtimes will be in place and each class will have a set of equipment. Pupils will wash their hands before and after playtime, alongside regular washing throughout the day. The classroom will be cleaned regularly by staff and antibacterial wipes will be used, particularly on electrical equipment, such as iPads and laptops.

Collection:

Parents to enter the school gate between **3.15pm and 3.30pm** and stand on the 2m social distancing markers in the playground. This is where the children normally line up. Staff will release the child/children to the family member at the front of the line. As soon as you have your child/children, you will walk around the back of the school, in between the Class 3 portacabin and main school building, and out of the car park gate. Pupils who are able to walk home by themselves will leave first at **3.15pm**.

Class 1 Arrangements – Reception and Year 1
Monday 29th June - Friday 17th July

Drop off:

Children can be dropped off between **8.45am and 9.05am**. Parents will stand at the 2m social distancing ribbons on the fence. A staff member will be standing near the gate to welcome families. Class 1 children will enter through the main green pedestrian gate and will then enter the EYFS playground via the side gate. A staff member will guide them in. They will walk to their cloakroom, put their items on their pegs, wash their hands and enter the classroom. Parents will not enter the school site and will leave as soon as their child has been safely handed over to a member of staff.

If a child is distressed, the parent and child are to wait 2m from the main gate, until the other children have entered, and wait to be supported by a staff member.

They will be taught in small groups, allowing for free-flow play, with as much outdoor play as possible. When writing, Year 1 pupils will be at desks, with distancing in place. Lunch will be served in the same room. They will have access to their own toilets and they will be cleaned regularly throughout the day. Staggered playtimes will be in place and each class will have a set of equipment. Pupils are to wash hands before and after playtime, alongside regular washing throughout the day. The classroom and toys will be cleaned regularly by staff and antibacterial wipes will be used, particularly on electrical equipment such as iPads and laptops.

Collection:

Parents to enter the school gate between **3.15pm and 3.30pm** and stand on the 2m social distancing markers in the playground. This is where the children normally line up. Staff will release the child/children to the family member at the front of the line. As soon as you have your child/children, you will walk around the back of the school, in between the Class 3 portacabin and main school building, and out of the car park gate.



Childcare Arrangements – Key worker pupils and vulnerable pupils who require childcare from 2nd July in Years 2, 3 and 6.

Monday 22nd June – Friday 17th July

Drop off:

Children can be dropped off from **8.00am**. Parents will stand at the 2m social distancing ribbons on the fence. If children are walking to school on their own – the same protocol applies. You should press the buzzer and wait to be met at the gate by a staff member. Childcare children will enter through the main green pedestrian gate and will enter school through the library side door. A staff member will guide them in. They will walk to their cloakroom, put their items on their pegs, wash their hands and enter the classroom. Parents will not enter the school site and will leave once they see their child has been safely handed over to a member of staff.

Collection:

Between the hours of 3:15pm and 3.30pm, pupils in childcare will be collected in the same area as the other children in school. Parents to enter the school gate between **3.15pm and 3.30pm** and stand on the 2m social distancing markers in the playground. This is where the children normally line up. Staff will release the child/children to the family member at the front of the line. As soon as you have your child/children, you will walk around the back of the school, in between the Class 3 portacabin and main school building, and out of the car park gate. Pupils who are able to walk home by themselves will leave first at **3.15pm**.

If you collect your child **after 3.30pm**, please ring the buzzer on the green pedestrian gate and your child/children child will be brought to you.

So what will your child need to bring with them when they return to school?

- 1) A water bottle (clearly labelled with their name)
- 2) A waterproof coat/jacket or a sun hat (weather dependent).
- 3) A packed lunch box if they are having packed lunch from home, though hot school dinners will be available. Hot dinners can be booked on a day to day basis.
- 4) Their asthma inhaler, if necessary.

They should not bring pencil cases, bags, PE kits or any other equipment. They will have their own stationery set provided by school. Please do not bring in toys.

Children will not be expected to wear school uniform. Instead, please ensure they come to school wearing comfortable clothes that will also be suitable for P.E. lessons and outdoor activities. Leavers' hoodies are also welcome!

A final thought...

As key workers, many of our staff members have dropped off their own children at their local school. They have reported that social distancing had been adhered to with vigour in the first week but it has then tailed off as the weeks have gone on. If this happens at our school, we will be forced to reduce our numbers and enforce part-time schooling to limit social interactions. In essence, please don't. We need you to follow the rules until we update our guidance. We want to have a clear run at welcoming back children and this would cause us an unnecessary headache.

Yours sincerely,



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