

School Re-opening Phased Approach 1.1

18th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

May we firstly thank you all for your continuing support and engagement during these difficult times. It has been lovely to see those who have attended school during the last few weeks pursuing a range of activities and making new friendships whilst also seeing all the amazing things that you are managing to do with the children at home. The dedication of parents and children in engaging with our remote learning offers has been rewarding for us all to see.

The Government has now issued guidance for our reopening, if their 5 progress criteria are met. We have been busy assessing and making arrangements for the necessary adaptations and changes which will be required in order to welcome back an increased number of children, in a steady, safe and measured way. This letter details our initial plans and also requests for specific uptake numbers from you in order to move our plans to more definite offers.

We appreciate that you will require information about the measures we will put in place and what this will look like in order to make an informed decision.

Our initial intended offer includes:

1. A phased approach from the 1st June, starting with the children of key workers who will be based at our Key Stage Two site between the hours of 8:45-3:30.
2. Year 1 will return on the 1st of June.
3. Next will be a gradual expansion of this offer to Year 6 followed by Reception as initial routines are embedded over the coming weeks. The children will attend school on a full-time basis in order to provide routine and clarity for us all.
4. All children will be taught in a bubble (small teaching and learning group), with designated staff members for each 'bubble', working zones, different classroom layouts, consideration of movement requirements, with dedicated first aid, safeguarding and hygiene arrangements for each group.
5. Staggered start and finish times with entry and exit points for parents to drop off and collect in line with social distancing requirements.
6. Plans for the other areas of school to support social distancing if groups should need to move around the school site.
7. Utilisation of outdoor learning opportunities.
8. Separate break and lunch time arrangements to ensure each bubble group can have social time but in a safe and managed environment.
9. Pupil specific equipment, such as pencils and pens and trays for their own resources, which will be labelled and remain in school.
10. Lunch arrangements in bubble groupings with an offer of either a grab bag from our kitchen or for children to bring a packed lunch from home.
11. Support for health and well-being needs via our curriculum alongside delivery of the National Curriculum.

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*In order to assist in planning our return,
we will require an indication from parents as to whether they intend on sending their child in*

From the 1st June Year 1 are invited to join us in bubble groupings as outlined above with the aim of a gradual expansion to include Year 6 and then Reception.

For children in R, Y1 and Y6: In order to allow school sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements, please indicate your intention to take up this offer by completing our survey by 4pm tomorrow (Tuesday) which can be found at this link: <https://forms.gle/nGR6DenQNSRgmFDi6>

If your child will be in our keyworker provision, please can you complete the following survey so that we can plan our staffing accordingly: <https://forms.gle/WjLiK98e7ps9pUdA9>

We appreciate parental views and choices; we do require your initial feedback on intended numbers in order to finalise our arrangements and enable us to safely cascade in the future to additional year groups.

Please be assured we are taking all the necessary steps to assess and plan for our re-opening in line with DfE updates and regulations. As always, we will keep you updated on our process, further developments and future arrangements. Further letters and updates will follow and our home learning offers will continue to support all our families.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Crowther

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