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Monday 8th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

OUR REVISED PLAN FOR OPENING PLACES IN YEAR 6 AND NURSERY (F1)

Since the last time I wrote out to you I can confirm we have been in full consultation with unions regarding our Risk Assessment and also followed the medical advice on delaying our opening for two further weeks in order to mitigate risk further. Our local Authority have also supported us as schools through providing additional advice and guidance which we have also utilised in our planning.

We met with our Governing Bodies last week who are very committed to supporting our efforts and helping us to continue to review the health and safety at our schools prior to and after we open our doors to more pupils and they are aware of the Government Guidelines that we are following surrounding this.

We plan on making our start back date for the limited number of Year 6 and Nursery places that were applied for previously to commence as from Monday 15th June.

We will be writing out again to all of you who've received a personalised letter previously just so you are all clear about this and about the arrangements for your child.

Children of Critical Key Workers or those in the Governments definition deemed as being in a vulnerable group will still be eligible for their emergency child-care place with us, subject to the appropriate evidence having been provided for us from your employer. Please refer to the associated letter about this on our website.

Just some reminders:

The return of your children is not compulsory, and this is completely up to you as parents and carers. Non-attendance of your child in school will not be penalised and we have no intention of doing this.

Please be assured at school we will continue to endeavor to follow the most current Government guidance provided around what protective measures we will need to adhere to. These do not require us to wear protective facemasks, nor are we required to take pupil temperatures each day before admitting them. Some appropriate PPE equipment will be available to staff for administering first aid treatment and for cleaning areas of the school. The Government also state in their guidance that they recognise maintaining the social distancing of two metres apart 'cannot be expected' to be adhered to within Early Years and Primary Schools.

We will do all we can, but we cannot absolutely guarantee the safety of your children against COVID-19.

We do appreciate the decision is entirely yours to make.

You need to carefully consider the full facts and understand the measures we are putting in place to support this and the procedures we require you to be aware of and adhere to as follow:

- Currently there will be no wrap round care on offer at the school i.e. breakfast or after school clubs
- Only one parent will be allowed on site to drop off or pick up your children F2 child/ren
- Brothers and sisters of pupils in Nursery and Y6 will only be admitted if you meet the Critical Key Worker criteria or are deemed as being in the vulnerable group
- Staggered starts and ends to each day for different year groups will be running to ensure safer drop-offs and pick-ups and less people on the school site at any one time and **parents must not arrive earlier or later than these**

- There will be limited hours of schooling for each year group to allow time for cleaning and ensure social distancing through the staggering of start and finish times
- In line with current guidance, children attending school will receive a lighter version of the curriculum
- Home Learning arrangements will remain in place as they are now for all children not accessing a school place
- There will be a maximum of 15 pupils in each classroom – they will be working in this ‘bubble’ and have the same team of staff they work with every time they are in school, however, the staff within their bubble may not be your child’s usual Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant
- There will be very limited opportunities for children to mix with other pupils outside of their bubble of 15 – this can be relaxed slightly more outside due to the increased ventilation this offers but will be closely supervised
- Due to the Government advice about outdoors being safer, we intend to use this more and therefore ask that all children attend school in appropriate clothing for being outdoors and suitable for whatever the weather is (no uniform is needed)
- Rooms and equipment will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between each use and each day and children **MUST NOT bring in any personal equipment other than their lunchbox and drink container.** They will be provided with a set desk to work at and their own set of resources to use in school
- Parents will not be allowed in the school building at any time. Reception doors will be closed and access to these will be strictly limited
- Communication is best done through phoning the school office between 9:00am until 3:00pm when the phones will be manned, or through the school office email address
- All Year 6 pupils will need to bring a packed lunch to school and this will ensure they are able to eat this within the classroom their bubble is using
- **If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, all children and staff from that group will be required to self-isolate for 14 days**
- **If any member of your household shows symptoms then you will need to inform us immediately and your child should NOT attend school, and your whole household will need to self-isolate in line with Government guidelines. If a pupil becomes ill at school, they will be sent home immediately.**

Following this first phase we hope to introduce further arrangements for F2 (Reception) and Year 1. However, with the steady increase in the demand for Critical Key Worker places over the past two weeks this will need to be assessed carefully before decisions about further year group places and start dates can be confirmed.

Thank you as every for your amazing patience, understanding and strong support both on our Facebook pages and via emails. We look forward to working with you in the coming weeks and very much look forward to seeing more of our children on site again.

As always we will keep you as informed as possible at every step and please be assured that all our decisions will centre around putting the health and safety of your children at the heart of all we plan out and implement.

Yours sincerely,



Nicola Davies
Executive Headteacher



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Head of School