



Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

May I first of all take this opportunity to thank all of our parents who responded to our recent Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Survey. The vast majority of parents would like their children to return to Templemoor over the coming weeks, which is wonderful to know! Secondly, I would like to thank you all for the wonderful support we have received from our school community. Staff have continued to work tirelessly throughout this challenging time to continue to support and care for our children in very difficult circumstances and it is lovely to know that our efforts are appreciated. Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued patience and understanding whilst we further refine our phased reopening plans. As I'm sure you will appreciate, the next stage in this phased return is proving to be particularly complex, especially in light of demand for places and continually changing government guidance. I would now like to begin to finalise our plans moving forward.

### **Reception**

Following on from their phased return, I can confirm that from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020**, Reception children will attend school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. School will not be open to Reception on Friday. This provision will continue until **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020** when we will close school to our Reception children for the Summer holiday. This is to enable us to welcome back our Year 2 children for the final week of term, and to provide the children with the opportunity to say their goodbyes as they move to Moorlands.

### **Year 1**

From the **week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020**, we would like to begin to welcome back our Year 1 children. We have had such an overwhelming response from our Year 1 parents, with 54 families wanting their children to return to school. Due to this demand for places, and taking into account current government guidance, this provision will be as follows:

- Year 1 children will begin to return to school from the week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- There will be two Year 1 Bubbles: Lime Bubble led by Mrs Drinkwater/ Mrs Marson and Turquoise Bubble led by Miss Salisbury.
- Children will be taught in groups of no more than 15 (see updated risk assessment) and will remain in this 'bubble' for the duration of the school day (for example at break time, lunch time etc.).
- We will be operating a one week in school, one week at home system across Year 1 (Please see the table below).
- Each Year 1 class will be in school on alternate weeks (i.e. one week in school, the next week at home). This will begin with Class 3 in school from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The following week, the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Class 4 will be in school.

This system will continue until **Thursday 23rd July 2020** when school will close to our Year 1 children for the Summer holiday.

- Each Class will be in school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on alternate weeks. School will not be open to Year 1 on Friday.
- Children might not be with all of their friends, and they will not necessarily have their own class teacher.
- Requests for specific days, friends or teaching staff cannot be accommodated.
- Our school kitchen will provide a packed lunch.
- We **will not** be able to provide before and after school clubs or extra childcare.
- The plans in place are provisional. They are subject to change based on ongoing evaluation and updates from the government.

Week Beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Class 3 (Monday to Thursday)
Week Beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Class 4 (Monday to Thursday)
Week Beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Class 3 (Monday to Thursday)
Week Beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Class 4 (Monday to Thursday)

Further information regarding bubble allocations, staggered start and finish times, and an outline of new rules and regulations etc. will be sent out to Year 1 parents tomorrow, so that you and your child are well prepared for the exciting weeks ahead.

## **Year 2**

We are delighted to confirm that children in Year 2 will be given the opportunity to return to school during the last week of the Summer Term, the **week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020**. This provision will be for four days, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These plans are provisional. They are subject to change based on ongoing evaluation and dependent on updates from the government.

## **Thank You**

The past number of weeks have presented many challenges. We have worked extremely hard in developing carefully constructed plans that we believe are right for Templemoor. The well-being and safety of our pupils and staff has always been our number one priority. We miss the children terribly and would love nothing more than to see them all back in school. However we have had to make some tough decisions, but ones that we believe are right. We hope that you understand that the decisions have been taken after extensive thought, a thorough risk assessment of what capacity our physical environment provides us with against the current social distancing guidelines, reflection and discussion with our leadership teams, chair of governors, and staff and for the very best of reasons.

We are very excited as we move on to the next chapter in our transition back to 'normal' life at Templemoor and very much look forward to the time when we can welcome all children back to school full time.

Thank you for the support and trust you have placed in us. Please know that we will continue to place the well-being and safety of our children and our staff at the forefront of all that we do and will continue to ensure we regularly communicate with you to keep you informed of our plans in a continually changing situation. Thank you once again for your patience and continued support and for the unbelievable kindness you have shown over the past few weeks. It is very much appreciated.

With my very best wishes,

Mr Hodgson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S Hodgson". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Mr Hodgson".

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team