



Grade-Ruan C of E School

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Dear parents and carers.

I am writing to update you on Grade Ruan's plans to reopen our school for targeted year groups in line with government guidance. I do have to stress that these arrangements are contingent on the government giving approval on May 28th, the approval of any plans by the Trustees and the availability of staff on the dates below. I will keep you informed of any changes that may occur.

Every school's provision will be slightly different depending on how many staff and rooms they have available. There will be different groups returning at different stages. Drop off and pick up times will be staggered too.

You will have seen the letter sent via email and posted on the school website from Donna Bryant, Executive Lead of Southerly Point Trust; as per the letter, we will adopt the use of 'bubble groups' - a small consistent group of pupils, with consistent staffing, and consistent rooming, in order to limit the number of contacts any individual has during the day. Pupils will not mix with anyone outside of their small group even at playtimes and lunchtimes.

At Grade Ruan, we are preparing to open on Wednesday 3rd June to Reception, year one and children of key workers. We will open on Monday 8th June to our year sixes. We will have staggered starting times and end times to avoid overcrowding. Please make a note of the times and do please adhere to these timings to help us to keep social distancing measures in place.

I must stress that contrary to our usual approach, parents will not be allowed into the school building at any point unless strictly by prior appointment with the head teacher.

Our plan for the 'bubble groups' is attached with this letter.

When the school has a clearer understanding of the number of children attending, we will inform parents of their child's bubble group. Once the classrooms have been set-up we will post photographs/video onto class Dojo to help prepare children for their return to school.

As well as year groups R, 1 and 6, we will be providing places for the children of key workers in year groups 2,3, 4 & 5 that are not at this point fully returning. If you are a key worker and you require a place for your child, please contact the school.

If you have children in two, or more year groups you may drop them off in the correct area at the earliest time indicated on the chart attached.

Can I please remind you that there will be no cooked lunches as we will be avoiding times of the day where children may cross with other 'bubble groups'. Please provide your child with a packed lunch and a water bottle. Alternatively, packed lunches will be provided by the kitchen and delivered to the classrooms.





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Please help us to make your child's return to school easier:

- Make sure packed lunches are easy for your child to unwrap
- Ensure your child brings in their own water bottle and we will remind them to take them home to be cleaned and refilled for the following day
- Make sure your child's uniform has clothes they can manage themselves - e.g elasticated trousers rather than zips and buttons
- On sunny days, apply suncream to your child before they come to school; members of staff will not be allowed to do this
- Children will need to have their own packet of tissues to prevent sharing in the classroom.
- Avoid giving your child items to bring into school such as toys, pencil cases etc.
- Talk your child through the changes they can expect (we will send pictures nearer the time)
- Arrive at school with your child at the time specified to avoid a crowd outside classrooms.

NB: Inevitably this plan will change in response to the uptake from parents. We will keep you informed of any changes via email and on the website.

Amanda Walsh-Newton will endeavour to contact parents of those key year groups over the next few days. To help speed the process it would be greatly appreciated if you could email, secretary@grade-ruan.cornwall.sch.uk to confirm a place if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your support and patience during this time.

Kind Regards

Louise Jones

Headteacher

