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Update regarding re-opening from June 1st 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your response to last week's update regarding the possible re-opening for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from June 1st 2020.

In order to ensure that the highest possible safety requirements are in place, over half term week we will open from Tuesday 26th May only to the children of key workers and vulnerable groups. There will be no online learning delivered for that week.

Along with other TPAT schools, we will be closed to ALL children on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd June so that staff can ensure that all available classes are clean and cleared of excess resources. Staff will also have an opportunity to put our new protocols and routines into place so that they are safely able to work in school if/when some children return.

Although I may not have responded to each email, I have read them and taken your questions and opinions into account when planning and there is a FAQ section attached to this letter.

It is important to note that the final decision on whether or not to implement the planned opening will be made following the Government's confirmation that the scientific evidence supports this on 28th May. The opening to ALL groups of children is dependent on appropriate numbers of staff being available. We will be sending Parental Agreements to all of those parents/carers planning on sending their child to school. This will be an online form and it will need to be completed before your child's place at school is confirmed.

Myself and staff continue to draw up detailed risk assessments that prioritise the safety and well being of staff and children. The number of children and the year groups that will be given places from Thursday 4th June will depend on the number of staff who are safe to work, the needs of the children and the number of rooms available. We will confirm this on Monday 1st June.

We understand that this is a time of uncertainty and that you may be feeling anxious about sending your child back to school and I would like to reiterate that this is entirely a decision for you as parents and carers. Attendance is not compulsory for any year groups and you need to do what is right for you and your family.

I would like to thank you for your kind words and support for all of the team at Pensans - it really means a lot to us.

Angela Clay

FAQs

Issue	Question	Response
Arrival and collection of children	How will children enter and leave the school?	<p>There will be clear designated pathways for identified year groups with social distancing markers clearly displayed.</p> <p>There will be staggered starting times and parents will be given a time slot to bring and collect children.</p> <p>Only one adult will bring/pick up the child/children to and from school.</p> <p>A member of staff will take your child into the classroom and bring them out one at a time at the end of the day.</p> <p>There will be no congregating of groups on the school site.</p>
Communication	How can I communicate with staff?	<p>No parents/carers will be allowed to enter the school building including classrooms, corridors and the school reception area.</p> <p>You will need to use the messages@pensans.cornwall.sch.uk email to communicate with staff.</p> <p>You can also communicate via the online learning platform Seesaw.</p>
Times of the day	<p>What time will school start and finish?</p> <p>Will the school be open for the full day?</p>	<p>For the children of key workers and vulnerable children the day will begin at 8.30am and end at 3.15pm.</p> <p>Other year groups - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will have either morning or afternoon sessions - To Be Confirmed.</p> <p>There will not be a Breakfast Club or After School Club provision for any children.</p>
Social distancing	<p>Will staff social distance from children?</p> <p>Will children be socially distanced from each other?</p> <p>Do myself and my family need to maintain social distancing outside of school and at weekends?</p>	<p>The Government recognises that social distancing for Primary School aged children is not possible.</p> <p>Children will be taught in groups of no more than 15 with the same adults throughout the term as long as staff are available.</p> <p>The groups will be referred to as 'Bubbles' and these Bubbles will be kept socially distant from each other at all times.</p> <p>As a school, we expect you and your household to maintain social distancing outside of school hours and at weekends. If you do not follow these guidelines, we will ask you to keep your child at home for 7 days.</p>

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<p>Hygiene and cleaning</p>	<p>How will cleaning be managed? Will children be supervised when washing their hands? Will hand sanitiser be available? Can my child bring in a toy from home? My child suffers from Hayfever - will they be able to attend school? Will staff be wearing PPE?</p>	<p>The whole school has undergone a deep clean. Staff will clean frequently used areas/items throughout the learning sessions - such as door handles, iPads, tables etc with disposable wipes. There will be lidded bins specifically for tissues in each area which will be double bagged and disposed of at the end of each session. Children will be taken by an adult to wash their hands on arrival and frequently throughout the session. Children will be accompanied by an adult when toileting and the adult will clean the area used. Hand sanitiser will be available in all areas and the use will be supervised. Communal drinking water facilities will NOT be in use. Children will be expected to bring their own water bottle each day. Children cannot bring in any toys from home. Any children with hayfever symptoms will not be allowed in school. Children's temperatures will be taken on arrival each day and any child with a temperature will be isolated with a member of staff wearing PPE and sent home. Each area will be thoroughly cleaned following a learning session and cleaners will have clear written guidance for each area of the school that will be evidenced and monitored by the staff and site supervisor. Staff will wear PPE when carrying out any intimate care such as toileting young children. Staff will wear PPE when children have accidents or spill bodily fluids. Staff will wear PPE when looking after a child who is displaying COVID 19 symptoms.</p>

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Testing for COVID 19	<p>Will all staff and children be tested? What happen if someone in school tests positive for COVID 19? What should I do if my child has symptoms of COVID 19?</p>	<p>Currently, staff and children will be tested if they show symptoms of COVID 19. If a member of staff tests positive for COVID 19 we will follow Public Health England advice and communicate with parents accordingly. Children should not be sent to school if they are unwell. Any child who presents with symptoms will be sent home. Testing is now available for children from the age of 5 years. If you, your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID 19 you should ALL self isolate. This is 7 days for the person with symptoms and 14 days for the household members.</p>
Uniform	<p>Do children need to wear uniform? Will I have to wash their clothes every day?</p>	<p>There is no expectation that children wear school uniform. Children will need to wear clothes that are suitable for leaning inside and out - suncream, sunhat, safe flat comfortable shoes, a coat. Children should wear clean clothes everyday.</p>
Learning	<p>Will home learning continue? Will children do PE at school?</p>	<p>Yes home learning will continue for all year groups. There will be no PE lessons and apparatus including that in EYFS will not be used.</p>
Year 6	<p>What will the transition arrangements be for Year 6?</p>	<p>You will be contacted by your child's secondary school regarding transition arrangements. We will work closely with the secondary schools to support transition and will keep you updated throughout the summer term.</p>
Personal Care	<p>How will you comfort my child if they need it?</p>	<p>We recognise that it is not possible to maintain social distance and we will do our best to meet your child's emotional needs.</p>
Key workers and vulnerable groups	<p>Will full time sessions be available for the children of key workers and vulnerable groups?</p>	<p>The school will prioritise the children of key workers and vulnerable groups when planning and they will access school from 8.45am to 3.15pm. These children will not be in a Bubble with their peers if they are part of a family group. Parents of children in vulnerable groups without siblings can request reduced sessions so that their child can be with their own class Bubble.</p>

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Food	<p>Will my child receive lunch at school? How will you maintain social distance at lunchtimes and playtimes?</p>	<p>Children of key workers and vulnerable groups will be provided with a school packed lunch. This will be in a paper 'grab bag' and a member of staff within the Bubble will collect them and eat along with the Bubble. Children can bring their own packed lunch and these will be stored safely.</p> <p>Children who are in for a reduced session will go home for their lunch.</p> <p>Bubbles will have staggered playtimes and will be socially distant from other Bubbles.</p>