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### Phased Return to School

Dear Parents,

Schools have been asked to offer places for children in YR, Y1 and Y6 from the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

The Governing body have made preparations for how this will look in our school; considerations have been made to local and national guidelines, staff and parent responses to our consultation and growth over time along with health and safety.

You may hear about other schools who are doing things differently, as a local authority school we are working in line with LA guidance and risk assessments along with what works well for our setting and available staff team.

#### Measures

Where a safe level of staffing and protocols remain possible:

We will run 3 groups of 15 children from 1<sup>st</sup> June (this includes the existing key worker children) Priority children are those of key workers, the vulnerable, YR, Y1 then Y6. We are not offering places to pre-school children (other than key workers) due to staff ratios and safety

- Risk assessment made to inform decisions – this is a live document with ongoing review
- Safe working practices in place (as currently) including: Social distancing where possible, hand washing protocol, thorough cleaning regime and zoned indoor/outdoor areas for each group
- Children will be in groups of up to 15, these will be **mixed age** (including pre-school key worker children) and will include siblings, apart from Year 6. This is the model we have been using for key worker children and it has been very successful for 9 weeks. We believe this system works well and reduces contact for families as well as helping with emotional wellbeing.
- \*At this stage children will not be in their year group or with their class teacher. Until such time as we are able to run a Year 6 group any key worker Year 6 children will join a mixed group.
- We hope to be able to add a **Year 6 group** of up to 15 children from 15<sup>th</sup> June, dependent on risk assessment and staffing. At this point key worker Y6 children will move groups.
- Following monitoring of the initial 3 groups we intend to add a further group, priority criteria will apply, this will be dependent upon staffing and other safety factors along with evolving guidelines.
- Each group will have a teacher/TA but not necessarily their class teacher
- The school will be separated into three clear areas (two groups share each area but remain separate within the zone) for indoor and outdoor space
- **We will not be re-introducing the full national curriculum for children attending school.** The curriculum will be the same (as provided currently during lockdown) for **children both in school and at home until the end of the summer term**, children who come to school won't be expected to carry out the work at home. The work is planned to age related expectations and is in line with the national curriculum but is not our standard school curriculum intent. We want all of our children to have access to consistent learning whether at home or in school. We prioritise emotional wellbeing at this time.
- Teachers and support staff who remain unable to come to the site will be leading the planning and delivery of learning along with regular communications with families.
- Children in priority year groups (Reception and Year 1) will be offered a full time place.
- If your child is in the specified year group but you decide not to take up the place you will not be penalised; for example fined. (determined by LA registration guidelines)
- Critical Key worker children will still attend, as required (book via eduspot) and will have priority
- Only one parent at a time will be allowed to drop off and will not be able to enter the site, social distancing for parents and carers will apply, please adhere to this when dropping off or picking up but also be mindful of local residents.

- The school day will run from 8.35 until 3.15 but this may be staggered or reduced if social distancing causes difficulties during drop off and pick up times. There will be no capacity to offer after school care
- School will provide lunches (Hot/cold/jacket potato option); these will only be free for those entitled to free school meals from 1<sup>st</sup> June (reception and Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a free meal) Children can bring a packed lunch but no other items such as toys, books, pencil cases, home school learning work are permitted.
- We believe the school can manage up to a maximum of 75 children in a safe way which means priority children will be offered these spaces. This remains dependent upon a safe staffing level and review of the provision for the additional groups

### Children attending school

Please let the admin staff know about any changes to your situation that may mean that your child has high priority so that we can factor a place in for them.

### School Place Invitation

Once a place is available for your child/children you will receive an **email invite, please book your child in via eduspot by 4pm the day before at the latest:** Clubs tab: return to school.

This will help us to manage numbers.

You can continue to book key worker children for the days that you work. If your child is in reception or Year1 you can choose to send them in full time.

You can also book their lunches [here](#).

Your child will be in a colour coded group and they will be told who their adults are, these adults remain throughout each week for the group. Blue and green groups will enter school at the top gate and the pink group will enter at the front gate. Parents are asked to spread apart 2 metres when waiting outside school. The staff member will collect the children and bring them out at the end of the day.

Children are not expected to wear uniform, however clothing suitable for indoor and outdoor use, physical activity and messy play is advised (coat for rain, hat for sun) Your child will need to bring their own water bottle but a snack will be provided.

Please apply sun cream and ensure that your child is able to reapply themselves or help their sibling to do so.

### Half term Holiday

The school is open from the 1<sup>st</sup> June, this means that the 5 days holiday entitlement has moved to the end of term. The last day of school for children will now be 15<sup>th</sup> July.

### Further Government Guidelines

\*Children, parents, carers or any visitors, such as suppliers, **will not** enter the setting if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (following the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#))

\*Staff and children or young people should not attend if they have symptoms or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household

\*Children who display symptoms while at school will be isolated until collected to go home

\*Children, young people and staff who have been classed as [clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions](#) have been advised to shield. We do not expect people in this category to be attending school

\*Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. Few if any children will fall into this category, but parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.

\*A child/young person or a member of staff who lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, can attend their education or childcare setting

\*If a child/young person or staff member lives in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable, as set out in the [guidance on shielding](#), it is advised they only attend an education or childcare setting if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and, in the case of children, if they are able to understand and follow those instructions.

\*The safety of children and staff is our utmost priority

\*Schools and colleges continue to be best placed to make decisions about how to support and educate all their pupils during this period, based on the local context and staff capacity

