

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. We are now in a position to be able to share with you our plans for the wider opening of our schools. Our staff worked hard during half term week to ensure our classrooms met the guidance provided by both the Government and Derbyshire County Council. This work allowed us to identify how many children we can safely accommodate whilst meeting the government guidelines. This includes the staff we have available to work within each bubble.

The guidance states that children in Years One to Six need to be at least 2m distance away from each other and staff need to have 2m distance as well. The guidance tells us that children in Reception need to have a space of 2.3m to work and play in. Below I have included pictures of each learning space we will use and an explanation of who we will be able to welcome back to school in each class. Unfortunately, we are unable at the present time, to welcome everyone back who would like to return. I know that this will be disappointing for those children who wanted to return but are unable to. However, we need to make sure we follow the guidance to make sure our school communities are safe.

We are going to be welcoming children back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### **Long Lane Primary School – Garden Class Bubble**

At Long Lane we are able to welcome back the four Reception children who have said they would like to attend. I apologise to those children in Year One who wanted to return to school, at this time we are unable to welcome you back to school.



These photographs show the learning and playing spaces for the children.

Unfortunately, Mrs Sharpe has broken her toe so is unable to join us for this half term. Mrs Bosley will work with this bubble on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Reeve will work with this bubble on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Keeling will work with this bubble every day.

### **Marston Montgomery Primary School – Meadow Class Bubble**

We are able to welcome all those children in Year 6 from both Marston Montgomery and Long Lane who would like to attend.



These photographs show the learning spaces for the children.

Mrs Thomas and Mrs Copen will work with this bubble every day.

### **Marston Montgomery Primary School – Critical Worker Bubble**

We are able to welcome all critical worker children who have informed us that they would like a space. If you are a critical worker and need a space for your child please let us know. Critical worker and vulnerable children are a priority for attending school.



These photographs show the learning spaces for the children.

Mrs McManus and Mrs Pointon will work in this bubble every day.

### **Marston Montgomery Primary School – Garden Class Bubble**

At Marston we are able to welcome back our children in Year One who wish to return. I apologise to those children in Reception who wanted to return to school, at this time we are unable to welcome you back to school.



Miss Harris and Mrs Haslam will work in this bubble every day. Mrs Thompson will work in this bubble in the afternoons.

### **Other Information**

#### **Before and After School Club**

Unfortunately, we will be unable to offer any before or after school provision from 15<sup>th</sup> June because of the need to avoid mixing groups of children. I appreciate just how difficult this makes it for parents but can't see a way round it at this point. This will be reviewed over time.

#### **Home Learning**

Teaching staff will continue to provide learning at home for those children who do not return to school. They will also continue to respond to emails from parents regarding this work. Due to the fact that staff will now be teaching this will not be as prompt as it has been previously. Staff will respond to emails on week days only (Monday to Friday) and will aim to do this within 24 hours but this may not always be possible. Teachers will use the same plan provided for home learning for their lessons in class. They will tailor it to suit the individual needs of the children in school.

Initially when children return to school all staff will support pupils to adjust to the way school now looks and will focus on PSHE activities. We ask parents to also talk to their children about the changes to the school day we are making prior to their return.

Mrs McManus and Mrs Pointon will adapt the home learning for the Critical Worker children (in Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5) to suit the group of children they have.

#### **Transfer of resources between school and home**

We have had some requests from parents to print the resources out for use at home. We are unable to do this because it means transferring things between school and home which are trying to limit. Those children in school will not be bringing anything into school with them once they return. We are providing beakers for water and sun hats will remain in school.



The work the children complete in school will be marked as a class and staff will give verbal feedback. This work will remain in school and children will not take any work or reading books home with them.

If you are experiencing problems printing please contact the class teacher for ideas on how to adapt the work. Not all the sheets you receive need printing. For some learning children can look at the questions on a screen and then write the answers into their exercise books. Alternatively, some of the learning could be carried out by having discussion about it.

### **Procedures for keeping our Federation Community Safe**

The procedures outlined in the 'Return to school procedures letter for parents' remain in place. If you follow this link you will find a copy of this letter and all the risk assessments we have completed in preparation for the wider opening of schools.

<http://www.marstonmontgomery.derbyshire.sch.uk/website/coronavirus/486307>

Those families with children returning to school will also receive a 'Return to school parent agreement' and your times for arrival and departure. Please type your name and the date at the bottom of this agreement. Then return it to us via email. This information will be emailed to you tomorrow (03/06/20).

It is important for all our families and staff to remember that the safety provided by all the measures we have put in place is dependent on how strictly we follow the government guidelines for social distancing when we are not in school.

### **Government Guidance**

The only thing that is clear at the moment is that this is an ever changing situation! As the guidance we receive from the government alters we will review our procedures and adapt accordingly. When this happens we will inform parents of any relevant changes.

As always, please remember to contact me if you have any questions ([headteacher@marstonmontgomery.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@marstonmontgomery.derbyshire.sch.uk)).

Best wishes

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