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Wednesday 27th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Opening school to more pupils- 1st June 2020.

I am writing to confirm that a place for your child at Gayton Primary School has now been allocated for your child/children. All places are offered on a full time basis and we would encourage your child to attend every day. There is no requirement for children to attend school at the current time. This is purely parental choice but we are following Government guidelines prioritising our critical worker families to enable you to go to work

School will open to more pupils on 1st June 2020 and will close for the end of term on Friday 17th July 2020. It is vital that all critical workers secure childcare for the summer holidays as school will not be open.

Your child will be placed into a bubble with up to 15 other children. They will remain in this bubble for the duration of their time in school and they will have the same staff in the bubble. This will not necessarily be their class teacher. Each bubble will not necessarily be year group specific as we do not have the capacity at the current time to run 7 different bubbles. Therefore, we will have some bubbles that will have more than 1 year group within them. From the 1st of June, the provision will form more of an educational basis. However, we will be unable to deliver the full curriculum due to the fact that we will have mixed bubbles. The pupils in school will cover everything that is available for the pupils at home via eSchools/Google Classroom. We will also be ensuring that our provision places significant emphasis on meeting the emotional, social and health needs of our pupils.

Your child will only be able to come into contact with the children who are in their bubble. We will also have slightly different drop off and pick up times for parents to try and enforce social distancing at the school gates. It is vital that parents are on time dropping off and collecting their child from school. Further information regarding these timings will be sent home to you this week. It would be expected that children are accompanied to school where possible. Ideally, one parent bringing them to school will keep the overall number of people down. Where you must bring other children with you, please ensure that they stay with you and that a 2m rule between yourself and other families is observed.

We must ask that everyone leaves the school gate areas as soon as possible. Please do not congregate around the gate areas talking to other parents.

The bubbles will only be possible if staff remain well and, if there are any changes, it may lead to a reduction in service or possible closure and we will inform you as soon as possible.

S4YC – Before and after school club.

Due to Government guidelines, S4YC will only be opening to families who have been accessing their services since March.

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School meals:

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to offer hot meals to our children at lunchtime due to the fact that the children are unable to come into the dinner hall and eat together. Any F2, Y1, Y2 or FSM (Free School Meal pupils) are entitled to receive a packed lunch from the kitchen. If your child is in KS2, you can order a packed lunch from the kitchen if you would like. Alternatively, you can provide your child with a packed lunch on a daily basis. We will send home a questionnaire so we can plan ahead for next week to find out if your child will require a packed lunch from the kitchen.

Items coming into school:

Your child will be asked to bring a water bottle into school each day and a healthy snack. Our water fountains are not available for the children to use as this is deemed a risk according to Health and Safety so they have been closed. Your child needs to bring a pencil case into school on their first day with pencils/coloured pencils/coloured pens and a glue stick. This will then remain in school so that they can access it every day. Pupils will not be allowed to share items with their friends. We will allow your child to bring a book into school each day and take this home.

Please ensure that your child understands that they are not allowed to bring any other items into school from home.

Social Distancing:

Social distancing will be encouraged with the older children as much as possible. In EYFS we accept that social distancing is not possible but will increase the number of times that the children wash their hands within this setting. We have also amended our continuous provision offer so the children will have access to reduced resources in this provision.

School Uniform:

We will not be asking children to wear school uniform but it is vital that your child wears clean clothes to school each day and that they are dressed in comfortable clothes with trainers so they can still take part in physical activity.

Registration Forms:

Next week we will be sending home a registration form for you to complete. This is to ensure that we have up to date contact details for you in case we need to contact you in an emergency situation. We have also been asked to update our home/school agreements and behaviour expectations based on the COVID-19 pandemic so these will also be shared with parents.

Medication

Please ensure that any medication pertinent to your child is in school. We will need you to complete a medication form if your child requires medication to be administered. We would ask at this current time that medication requests are kept to a minimum.

I will be in a position to confirm the colour of the bubble that your child is in by the end of this week as well as the staff who will be in their bubble. We will also be able to share the drop off and pick up times as well with parents.

Thank you for your continued support at this very difficult time.

Kind regards,

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