



Letter re opening 1st June

Dear Parents,

I explained last week that I would provide further information about the plans for school opening. Now we have had more details and consultation has taken place with staff and governors, I am able to do this. The intention of this letter is to outline a proposed return to school **if** schools are to be opened from 1st June for Years EYFS, 1 and 6 with the current information we have been given. **This proposal will change if new information and guidance is released.**

If the Government directs, Chacewater School will be open to children from EYFS (Acorns), Years 1(Seedlings) and Year 6 (Mighty Oaks) , as well as children of Key Workers from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. To support an effective transition back into school there will be a staggered return. From Thursday 4th June we will have Years R, Y1, Year 6 in and key workers all in school full time apart from Friday afternoons where school will finish early apart from key workers to support additional cleaning and preparation. This is planned to continue at least through June.

Staggered return

Monday 1 June – Key worker children in school only

Tuesday 2nd June - Key worker children and Year 6 only (Mighty Oaks)

Wednesday 3rd June – Key worker children , Year 6(Mighty Oaks) and Year 1 children (Seedlings)

Thursday 4th June – Key worker children, Year 6, Year 1 and EYFS (Acorns)

Friday 5th June – Key workers, EYFS, Year 1, Year 6 (till lunchtime)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision> - definition of key workers.

Does my child have to attend school?

Although we would love to see all children back at school, we understand that there is a lot of uncertainty and anxiety about the return to school. As a family, you must do what is best for you. There will be no formal consequences if you choose not to send your child back to school during this period. It is important that you understand the potential risks involved in sending your child back to school.

I am sure that you have all read the recent guidance. The key points are:

- Shielding children should NOT attend school
- If a child lives with someone who is shielding (clinically extremely vulnerable - those with a GOV letter) then they should NOT be in school.



[How will the year groups be organised?](#)

The current guidelines are clear that there should not be more than 15 children in one class, they should remain in one classroom, and have the same adults with them all day (this has been defined as a “bubble.”). In all these arrangements, we continue to have the best interests of the children at the forefront of our minds, whilst adhering to the current guidelines.

EYFS:

Children will be put into two groups. They will be supported by Miss. Thomas and a TA in one room and Mrs. Whitehead and a TA in another room.

Year 1

Children will be put into two groups. One will be supported by Mrs. Rice and a TA, the other by Mrs. Morgan and a TA.

Year 6 children will be put into two groups. One lead by Mrs. Law and the other by Mr. Williams.

Children of Key workers - If the children are EYFS, Y1 and 6, they will attend school with their year group. All key workers children in other year groups will need to book into school through Mr. Gould and will be split into Year 2 and 3, and Year 4 and 5.

[Are siblings of children in EYFS, y1 and 6 able to attend?](#)

Unfortunately, we are tied to following the Government guidelines and so siblings of children in EYFS, 1 and 6 **cannot** be accommodated at school unless they are key workers.

[Do children need to bring their own equipment?](#)

We would like children in Year 6 to bring their own pencil cases and water bottles and keep them with them throughout the day. We clearly do not want anyone to go and buy new equipment, so we will support children who do not bring their own. In Year 1, Reception and key workers, all equipment will be provided and kept in a tray for only your child’s use. We are also minimising use of PE equipment, music resources, and any computers and iPads will be cleaned after use.

[How are you going to ensure that my child remains as safe as possible?](#)

The groups of children will not change and will remain in their own group every day. The learning activities planned will have distancing in mind and the classrooms will be arranged to accommodate this. Break times will be planned only with children in the group and



games encouraged without close contact or touch. Children will be observed washing their hands

regularly throughout the day, as well as after using the bathroom and before food. There are additional hand sanitisers placed around school, but children will be encouraged to continue the washing hands regime with soap and water, as this has been advised to be more effective. Staff will not be wearing PPE and although we will do our best to maintain distancing, parents must be aware we cannot keep children 2metres apart at all times throughout the day. There will be limited movement in long corridors as each classroom has access to the outside area. If necessary, there will only be one group of children in a corridor at one time. All soft furnishings will be removed and regular cleaning will take place during the day.

[How will drop offs and pick ups be organised?](#)

To support social distancing we will be operating different times and locations for drop off and collection times, as per government guidance. We would appreciate it if only one parent comes to drop off and pick up.

Year group	Drop off Time	Location	Pick up time	Location	Friday collection time
EYFS(Acorns)	9am	Main playground next to the staff car park at the back of school - entry via the back lane, not through school	2:45pm	As for drop off	12pm
Y1 (Seedlings)	845am	Main playground next to the staff car park at the back of school – entry via the back lane not through school	3pm	As for drop off	1215pm
Y6(Mighty Oaks)	9am	Recreation ground through the gate by the bowling club not through the school gates at the front of school.	3:15pm	As for drop off	12pm



Key workers	830am	Main entrance to school	3:15 to 5:30pm	As for drop off	3:15 - no after school club
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The staff car park and lane can only be used by staff. There will be a one way system in place down the lane to the main playground, with 2 metre social distancing markings to support everyone's safety. When children arrive at their drop off area they will wait on a number that will be allocated to them.

Please can all parents ensure they are at the drop off points on time. This is very, very important. If you are running late for any reason, please telephone the school office and you will be given advice as to where to go.

I am afraid that we cannot allow parents in school at all. If you have any queries and need to speak to the office please phone or email. We will continue to use the class email address for non urgent communication. If there is anything you feel we should know before your child returns to school please use this email.

[How will lunches be organised?](#)

Children will eat in their allocated classrooms. They will have 30 minutes to eat lunch and then 30 minutes outside play. For the first week school dinners will be available but only in the form of packed lunches. Details of how these can be ordered will be sent out and will be free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We are hoping that by the second week back hot lunches will be available. School will keep you posted. Lunches will be brought to the children to minimize movement around school.

[Does my child have to wear school uniform?](#)

It is going to be difficult for all children to return to the structure and routines of schools. Wearing uniform will support the children in doing this; however, there are going to be situations where children have outgrown their uniform and shoes and it is understandable that you do not want to invest in new at the end of a school year. Where possible, children should return wearing appropriate uniforms. As we will be spending a lot of time outside and we will have the windows and doors open to aid ventilation, it is important that your child has a jumper and cardigan in school.

[What about after school club?](#)

This will only be in place for key worker children and will be chargeable from 315pm to 530pm at a cost of £6-50 for the session. Please also note that this will not run on a Friday - but key worker children can remain till 315pm on that day.



How will the school cater for my child who has special educational needs?

We all understand that children with special educational needs have very different and specific needs. If you are concerned about the reintegration of your child, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Nesbitt - tnisbet@chacewaterschool.co.uk

What will my child be learning at school?

The priority of coming back into school is supporting the emotional and social needs of our children in this very confusing world they are living in. The next area of priority is revisiting and revising learning from the year, and very slowly, when children are ready, to start learning new concepts, knowledge and skills. The key areas we will focus on are: in arithmetic, reading, spelling and phonics. We will also try to do as much physical activity as possible whilst adhering to the guidance. Where possible we will ensure that we can take the learning outside and we have been able to allocate space safely to do this.

Will the provision of learning continue at home for all year groups?

For Years 2,3 ,4 and 5, the home learning will continue. Staff will be putting the plans for learning on the school website as has been happening. Staff will respond to emails as has currently been happening but please bear with us if there is a slight delay as staff will also be supporting classes in school.

For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 who are not in school, work will still be set on the school website but will be different to what children will be learning in school.

What if someone becomes ill?

If a child is feeling at all unwell, then parents will be phoned whatever the symptoms. School has a thermometer in school and will take their temperature. If a child or adult in school shows any symptoms of Corona Virus they will be encouraged to get a test. The child will be taken to the Headteacher's office until parents can collect. In the event of a positive test then all children and adults in the same group(bubble) as the child/adult will then be required to self isolate for 14 days. Other members of the household will not have to unless they show symptoms. All parents will be made aware if a positive test takes place in school.

I appreciate there is a lot of information to digest in this letter and you may have many questions. As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me. We have worked very hard to prepare a plan in line with what the government has asked us to do.



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To complete the final stages of planning, we need to know how many children will be returning to school. Please email me at head@chacewaterschool.co.uk to indicate your current intentions no later than 30 May. If after time, you change your mind about returning to school this is absolutely fine and again just make contact with school. To ensure we have the correct numbers of staff we would need notice of at least 1 week. Please can you also ensure that your contact details are upto date.

Finally, we will be sending a home school agreement home in the next few days for parents to complete and return.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Best wishes and as ever stay safe,

Mr Gould
Headteacher

Mr.T Lister
Chair of governors