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What to expect when we re-open in June

Dear Parents & Carers

As you are aware, the Government has asked that schools re-open to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from 1st June. As such, we have a duty to plan for reopening. We plan to re-open to children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on Tuesday 2nd June. There will be an INSET day on Monday 1st June.

The Government has published guidance to help schools plan for re-opening. In line with this guidance, when your child returns to school in June, you can expect the following safety measures to be in place:

- Children and staff will have their own 'base' classroom, and will be in a small, consistent group of no more than 15 children thus very much limiting contacts and the possibility of infection.
- Staff working with the group will remain consistent as far as possible. Some staff will be required to work with more than one group.
- For Year 1 (wherever possible) and Year 6 (always) this group of 15 will be socially distanced in classrooms. This is not possible for Nursery and Reception children. We will encourage social distancing as much as possible in all year groups.
- Each group of 15 will play outside in clearly defined areas and with its own resources. Consistent social distancing will be much harder to maintain at this time.
- Each group will eat together at a social distance from each other.
- There will be strict protective measures around washing hands more often (on arrival, beginning of lessons, after breaks, before and after lunch, and every 20-30 minutes throughout the day).
- Touched surfaces will be frequently cleaned during the day.
- Breaks will be staggered, as will the start and end of the day.



- Key resources will be cleaned after use. Children will be provided with their own pens, pencils, rulers etc.
- All areas of the school will be deep cleaned at the end of each day. Frequently used areas, such as toilets, will receive an additional deep clean during the day.
- All children eligible to attend a school setting, and members of their household, will have access to testing if they display symptoms of coronavirus.
- If a child or staff member tested positive, the rest of the group will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.
- If a teacher is ill with another unrelated illness, and we are unable to safely staff a group, the group will have to stay off while they recover.

All these procedures will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Additional points you may wish to consider:

Children should attend full-time, every day. The government has advised us that they will encourage parents and carers to send their children back to school as soon as we re-open.

We have already safely welcomed approximately 20 keyworker/vulnerable children a day to school over the last 7-8 weeks.

We are advising clinically extremely vulnerable staff to work from home. We would advise children in this category not to attend at present. Anyone who has concerns about whether they should be self-isolating, shielding or keeping their child away from school, should contact their GP for further advice.

Your child may not be taught by their usual class teacher or in their usual classroom.

There will be a focus in the first few days back on addressing emotional well-being, as well as the new rules and routines.

From Friday 22nd May, teachers will no longer be required to provide Home Learning in its current format. This is because all teachers will be on site, full-time and working with groups of children. For any pupil groups not in school (including Years 2,3,4&5), Home Learning activities will still be available via the school website. You will be able to continue to communicate with your child's class teacher via Class Dojo.

The earliest we can get the environment, equipment and the curriculum ready for the children to return to school will be Tuesday 2nd June.

I will be sending out a further letter to parents in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 with more details about your child's group, and drop-off/pick-up arrangements. I will endeavour to get this to you as soon as possible.



Please contact me via the school office if you have further questions at this time.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Guy Walsh
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