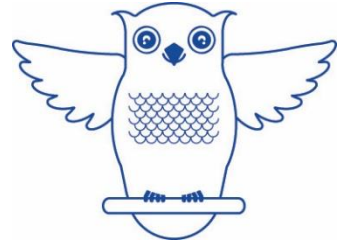


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RE: Potential Reopening for Year 6 Pupils from 1st June 2020

Dear Parents /Guardians,

Thank you to you all for letting us know your thoughts upon your child/ren potentially returning from 1st June 2020. I wanted to write to you now to let you know our plans, based upon the numbers that we now have. These plans are designed to ensure that all of our children, parents and staff stay as safe as possible.

I must reiterate that it is your choice as to whether your child attends school. There will no Fixed Penalty Notices issued for children who do not attend, nor will we question your choice. We trust that you know your child/ren and your situation best. If you are undecided, please use the below to help you make an informed decision.

We are using the 'bubble' analogy for social distancing. There will be no more than 10 children in one classroom with 2 adults. Each of these groups is a 'bubble'. Each 'bubble' must not come into direct contact with another 'bubble'.

If anyone in the 'bubble' develops symptoms, they will be asked to be tested for Coronavirus. A test can now be booked via the NHS website for anyone displaying symptoms (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>). The entire team and siblings will be asked to isolate initially whilst the individual is tested (to be arranged by the parent of that child). If this test is positive, then all members of the team will need to isolate for 14 days. They will be able to return to school if/when testing reveals a negative result. We must see proof of this negative test before a member is allowed to return.

Arrival at school

- Arrival time for pupils will be staggered to reduce the number of children coming through a gate at any one time, moving around the site and waiting to get into the school building.
- A staff member will be at each gate to remind children to keep at a distance from one another.
- Our Key Worker/Vulnerable group will continue to arrive at 8:45am and will use the studio entrance, lining up on the staggered tape between the gate and the studio doors.
- Once onsite, Year 6 children will need to line up on the bottom playground/MUGA with their group leader, who will be waiting to meet and greet them. There will be staggered tape lines on the floor for each child to stand on so that they are 2m from each other.

- Start time for Year 6 pupils will either be 9:00am or 9:15am, this time will be confirmed with each parent on Friday 22nd May. It is important that children do not arrive onsite before their group's arrival time.
- There will be two groups of ten arriving at 9:00am and two groups of ten arriving at 9:15am. One group will be led through the pupil door/library door and the other will be led through the Year 5 fire exit door. This will depend on which 'bubble' and classroom that they are in and will be confirmed with each parent on Friday 22nd May.
- The children, when lining up, will be asked to use anti-bacterial gel on their hands.

In school

- Each child will have their own desk and equipment (provided by the school) in the room which will be labelled.
- Children are not to take equipment from school to their home or from their home to school (apart from lunchboxes and water bottles which must be washed thoroughly before returning to school).
- This equipment (provided by the school) will then stay with each child at their work station. Children do not need their reading bag, Home School Book, reading book or PE kit.
- If children are doing PE, they will be told when this will happen and will need to come into school in their PE kit, rather than bringing it in.
- Once in the building, each child will put any equipment on their work station and will sit down, staff will supervise each child washing their hands for 20 seconds.
- If children are using laptops for a lesson then they will have one assigned to them so that they always use the same one.
- We will use our outdoor space as much as possible. When it is not possible (e.g. due to wet weather) to go outside then we will use the school hall and studio. Each 'bubble' will use this space at a different time.
- Please make sure that your child either comes into school with suncream on or brings in a bottle of suncream (named) as well as a hat (named) to protect them from the sun.
- The children will be completing a range of lessons structured similarly to how they were before the school closure.

Break and lunchtimes

- We will be keeping our Year 6 as a separate group to our Vulnerable/Key Worker group. There will be two morning breaks on the playground and field where children may go out as Year 6 and our Key Worker/Vulnerable group but will stay within their 'bubble'. There will be zones for each 'bubble' and children must stay with their group.
- The children will have lunchtime in school for 45 minutes and will eat in their classrooms before going outside.
- We will be able to offer hot dinners or the children can bring a packed lunch. Children who are eligible for Free School Meals will need to decide whether they would like: daily school dinners, weekly picnic box or the voucher and then let the office know. Hot dinners will be 'delivered' to the classroom by a member of staff.

Home time

- The Year 6 children will be dismissed at 2:45pm or 3:00pm, depending on their 'bubble', to reduce the number of children moving around the site and going through the gates at any one time. This time will be confirmed with each parent on Friday 22nd May. They will leave via the entrance that they came in through. Parents are reminded to use the 2m markers if/when waiting for children.

- All children must go home straight away.

Other key information

- Children will need to be in school uniform. It is important that the children come into school in clean, freshly-washed clothes each day.
- Outdoor play equipment will not be used at any point.
- Classrooms will be cleared of all soft furnishings, where possible, including soft toys.
- If start/end times do not work for parents of Y6 children due to their own work commitments, we ask that they let us know so that we can make alternative arrangements for their child/ren to be met and taken to their classroom early by school staff, or kept safely until they can be collected/go home.
- Please remind your child to take care when walking to and from school and to keep at a 2m distance from all others at all times.

Parents onsite

We ask that only 1 x parent collects/drops off to reduce the number of people on site. Social distancing rules must be adhered to at all times. There are posters around the school reminding everyone of this.

Parents will be urged to not enter the school unless by prior appointment, once they have used the intercom to let staff know of their arrival. There will be a waiting zone, with tape to mark 2 metre intervals, outside the office for people who have an appointment. Parents who have not made an appointment, will be asked to call or email instead.

We will continue to remind children about social distancing. There will not be a punishment but the child's parent will be spoken to alongside their child if they continue to breach the rules.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this. These plans are subject to change as this isn't something that we have had to do before so bear with us! All decisions have been made to ensure that our children, parents and staff are kept as safe as possible. We will update you if there are any changes.

If you have any further questions please email us.

Warm regards,



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