

Friday 29th May 2020

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Dear Parent/Carers of Year 6 children returning to school,

I hope that you are all as well as can be expected during these challenging and changeable times. The government have now stated that the 5 tests have been met so schools can begin to increase their numbers from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. As explained in letter last week, we are planning to undertake a phased return for our children beginning with **Year 6 only**, this is so that children (and parents) returning can become used to the new procedures and ways of working. **We want to increase our opening safely and steadily.**

Our City Council have also decided that on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, the majority of schools will have an INSET day – this is to train staff, finalise safety procedures and complete preparation of classrooms and resources. Safety is our first concern.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** School closed (INSET)

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Year 6 children return: Please note that only those children whose parents have informed us that they are choosing to send their children back to school are able to attend on this day.**

**Home Learning:** All pupils, whether they attend or not, will continue to have access to our Home Learning on the school website.

#### **How will children who are attending school be grouped?**

- Children will be in groups (called Bubbles) of no more than 10 (Reception bubbles may be smaller)
- Each Bubble will be allocated a classroom and will not use other classrooms. Your child will only mix with the children in their allocated Bubble.
- Each Bubble will be allocated two members of staff who will work with that Group Bubble alone. All children will work with staff under the direction of a teacher.
- **We will message you on Monday regarding which bubble your child is in and which entrance they will need to use.**

#### **Social Distancing and Safety for Parent/Carers**

- Year 6 pupils should enter the school site on their own—this will be via the main entrance on Park Street South or the pedestrian entrance on Blakenhall Gardens. **Parents must leave them at the school entrances please.**
- In order to help social distancing, children are expected to arrive between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and two Year 6 bubbles will use the main Year 6 door and the other Year 6 bubble will use the main entrance.
- Collection time will be at 3:30 p.m. and Year 6 parents will be asked to wait for their children off the school site, adhering to social distancing rules.





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Please note that Breakfast club and after school club will not be running for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

## School Meals

We will be providing school meals for all children or your child is able to bring a packed lunch. Those Year 6 pupils eligible for Free School Meals will receive a free school meal—vouchers will no longer be available if your child is attending school.

## Illness

If your child is not feeling well in any way, please do not send them to school but please inform us as there is a procedure that we need to follow, particularly if you think your child is developing any symptoms of Coronavirus. We must also have your up-to-date contact details so that we can contact you if we need to.

## Questions & Answers

### Does my child need to wear uniform?

No. Children should wear sensible clothing and footwear for indoor and outdoor activity. They do not need to bring PE kit.

### What do I need to send to school?

To maximise safety, we ask that your child does not bring any personal items into school. If a Year 6 child needs to bring a mobile phone, they will leave it in a safe container as before.

### What happens if a pupil or member of staff develops symptoms of Corona Virus?

We have allocated a room where children can be isolated with a member of staff until you come to collect them. This will be done quietly, sensitively and with our caring approach.

In order to prepare for reopening to more children, we have completed a risk assessment from the Local Authority, which has been scrutinised and reviewed by the Local Authority. This is now available on our school website.

We have also put together a short video which explains how the school day will look for you and your child. We hope this helps. Thank you, as always, for all your support and positive comments throughout this time, we really appreciate it.

God bless, take care and stay safe!

Yours sincerely

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