

Thursday 11th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carers of Reception children returning to school,

I hope that everyone is well as can be expected during these challenging and changeable times. As explained in my previous letters, at our school, we have decided to undertake a phased return for the children in the year groups chosen by the Government. This is so that those children (and parents) returning can become used to the new procedures and ways of working that we have had to put in place. **We want to increase our opening safely and steadily.**

For our Reception children, we have grouped them into smaller groups so that we can encourage social distancing to keep everyone as safe as possible. For this reason, the Reception children will either attend school for two days only:

- Monday & Tuesday (Bluebells Bubble & Poppies Bubble)
- Thursday & Friday (Pansies Bubble & Sunflowers Bubble)

Parents have been informed by telephone or text message which bubble their children are in. **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 their allocated days.**

Information for parents whose child is returning to school:

How will children who are attending school be grouped?

- Reception children will be in groups (called Bubbles) of no more than 8.
- 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.
- Each Bubble will have an allocated time in the dining hall in order to eat their lunch.

Social Distancing and Safety for Parent/Carers of Reception children

- Reception pupils who are returning must be accompanied by **one adult only**.
- Access to school will be via through the rear staff car park on Park Street South and along the path by the trim trail or the Nursery Gate on Blakenhall Gardens into the Reception playground.
- In order to help social distancing, children are expected to arrive between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and will enter the classrooms as normal but following social distancing rules.
- Collection time will be at 3:30 p.m. and Reception parents will be asked to wait for their children outside the classrooms but **not under the canopy, adhering to social distancing rules.**
- **Members of staff will be available at the beginning and end of the day in order to direct and support you.**

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School Meals

We will be providing school meals for all children or your child is able to bring a packed lunch. Those children eligible for Free School Meals will receive a free school meal when in school —vouchers will be adjusted if your child is attending school.

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.

Illness - Very Important!

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 up-to-date contact details for **two people** so that we can contact you if we need to.

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. This is available on the Home Learning Site. Or by using this link: <https://youtu.be/-mYWcAmX8JI> We hope this helps to answer some of your questions.

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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Headteacher

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