

15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of year 6 pupils

Following the Government announcement to potentially re-open schools for year 6 pupils after half term, we have been making plans to be able to allow this to happen for our pupils, should you wish your child to return.

We have based our plans upon Government safety guidelines, as well as bearing in mind the specific context of our school and its size. Please see below a summary of what we are able to offer which we hope will give you enough information to decide whether or not you wish your child to return to school at this stage.

- Year 6 pupils can attend school Monday to Thursday from 9am to 3.30pm (sorry - no breakfast club or after school provision apart from the key workers' children). Fridays will be 'deep clean' day as well as teachers' planning and preparation time.
- We will be placing children in groups of no more than 10. They will stay with this group throughout the whole day, including play times and lunchtime in order to limit their contact with too many other children.
- There will be clear procedures in place for social distancing, use of toilet areas, lunch times, handwashing etc that all children and staff will be made aware of. Close monitoring will help ensure that everyone adheres to the procedures.
- Children who persistently and/or deliberately disregard the social distancing, handwashing or other safety rules that have been explained to them, may be subject to exclusion from school.
- Additional hand sanitiser units have been placed in the hall for children to use, in addition to handwashing, before they eat their lunch, and all classrooms have plenty of soap, hand sanitiser and antibacterial surface wipes.
- Children will be based in one classroom with the same teacher (and perhaps TA). Unfortunately, it will obviously not be possible for all children to be taught by their current class teacher.
- Break times will be staggered and children will have designated areas in which they can play.
- A deep clean of the rooms to be used will be taking place prior to the children returning, and upon return to school, on-going cleaning throughout the day will take place as well as after the children have left for the day.
- Parents will need to drop off and collect their children at the school gate rather than bringing them on to site.
- Children will be asked to wear a clean set of clothes every day; it is therefore not necessary to wear uniform. Casual, comfortable clothing and shoes is what we suggest.

Year 6 keyworkers' children:

- Before school and after school provision will continue to be available for these children to allow their parents to carry out vital roles (and also those in other year groups who are entitled to attend as 'keyworkers' children too) however, if year 6 children access before and/or after school provision, they will not be able to be placed in a year 6 only group otherwise they will be mixing with too many children (this is DfE guidance).

Whilst we will be delighted to see our year 6 pupils, we fully understand that some parents will have real concerns about their child returning to school. I must stress that it is your decision and you will not be penalised in any way if you decide that the best place for your child is at home.

If your child does return to school, I hope you understand, having read the bullet points above, that it will not be 'school as we know it'. It will, however, be opportunity for children to get some daily routine and to socialise with a small group of their peers, as well as chance to revise/secure previous learning and take part in some creative activities.

Please complete [the year 6 questionnaire](#) that sits alongside this letter and return by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May by 11am. Please note that we realise your decision is subject to change. We just need a broad indication of pupil numbers for planning and logistical purposes.

If you have any queries, please ring school this afternoon or on Monday morning.

[Year 6 parents questionnaire link](#)

Best wishes

Linda Laird