



# Yew Tree Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for your patience and support during these past few months. We know it has been a difficult time for all our families and we really appreciate your messages of support and thanks.

Following government guidelines we are aiming to increase the number of children that are able to attend school over the next few weeks. We will be starting a gradual phased return starting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Year 6 pupils

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 & Year 1 pupils

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6, Year 1 and Reception pupils.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Year 6, Year 1 and Reception pupils.

During this time school will be open Monday - Thursday to allow staff time for preparing the classrooms and work.

School will remain open all week for the vulnerable children and key worker children as has been the case for the past months.

Children will work in small groups of no more than 15 and will work in the same classroom and with the same members of staff. Where possible we will try to place children with a friend but this may not be possible and we will try not move children from groups once established. The quicker you let us know the more chance of your child being placed with their friends.

Children will be encouraged to socially distance in Year 6 but even this will be difficult and parents should be aware that there is a high possibility that pupils will not manage to socially distance at all times. School will keep groups apart so the chances of children coming in to contact with children outside of their group will be greatly reduced even at break and lunch times.

The younger children will obviously not have the same understanding of socially distancing and we expect that the children will play and learn alongside their group.

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The current guidance and research does indicate that our children are the least likely to be affected by the virus and also the least likely to transmit it. You should consider who else your child may come in to contact with in your household especially if you have vulnerable adults at home.

We will continue to follow guidance on regularly washing hands with the children and encourage you to do the same at home especially before and after school.

The younger children will also have no contact with other groups and we will protect these 'bubbles' to further reduce risk of transmitting the virus.

If anyone within a group displays symptoms then the whole group will need to isolate for a period of 14 days or until we can confirm that the suspected person has tested negative.

Please ensure you notify the school office asap if you think your child is displaying symptoms.

To help reduce the number of interactions and gatherings of adults we will have to stagger the opening and closing time of school to different classes.

Red Classes - 9.00 start - 2.00 finish

Blue Classes - 9.30 start - 2.30 finish

Green Classes - 10.00 start - 3.00 finish

The gates to each area will only open a few minutes before each start time and close a few minutes after. Please try to remain 2 metres apart from other parents and adults when attending school.

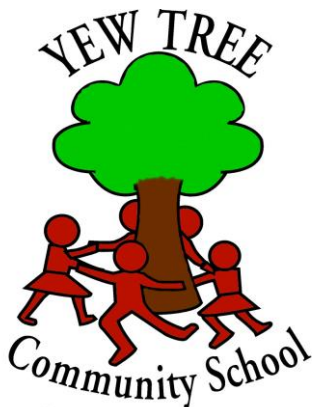
We are asking parents to remain outside of the school building during this period and contact the office by phone if they have any queries or information they wish to share.

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All children attending school from June should be in school uniform as this makes it clear to the children that they are coming back to a more 'normal' school and this will hopefully reduce the stress of trying to decide what your child wears every day.

We know that some parents will be reluctant to send their children back to school at the moment and that is a personal decision for you to make. School will not be following up any attendance issues that relate to this period of schooling.

Children who are entitled to a FSM will receive a lunch when they are in school. We will also be providing a lunch for all the infants (universal offer) and for juniors who pay for a meal. Vouchers will only be available to children of the year groups that school is closed for. Once school opens for a year group, vouchers will not be available even if your child does not attend school.

Home learning for those children who are not in school will continue.

Could we request that parents of pupils in Year 6, Year 1 and Reception e-mail their child's teacher to let them know if they are planning on returning their child to school when the time comes, to assist us with our planning?

Once again we appreciate that this is far from perfect and will still cause a number of you and your families some difficulties. We can only apologise and hope that things get back to normal as soon as possible.

At the moment this is still only a plan. Guidance from government or the local authority could change at any time but we will keep you as up to date as possible.

Thank you all for your understanding.

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