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**Chief Executive Officer:** Mrs L Whitehouse

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Re: Staggered Full Opening of Inspire Schools from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been developing our plans for full reopening in September as a result of the Secretary of State for Education's announcement on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We spent all of last week revising our previous detailed risk assessments and updating it to reflect the new safe ways of working. We have taken feedback from members of our school teams to ensure they are workable. Again, we have kept in the forefront of our minds that we want our schools to be welcoming and caring spaces for all our children.

**What date will my child be starting back to school?**

I'm delighted to announce, subject to confirmation by the Prime Minister on the 11<sup>th</sup> August, we will be following the plan outlined below to ensure a safe and staggered reintroduction for our existing children and new September starters:

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Years 4 & 6**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Years 3 & 5**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Reception Stay and Play Sessions (*separate letter to follow*)**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Years 1 & 2**

**From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Reception entry begins**

**Will the timing of the school day be the same?**

To make sure the school site and the surrounding streets don't become too busy, we have slightly altered the start and finish times of the school day for the start of the year.

<b>Year groups</b>	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Finish time</b>
6, 3 and 1	8.45am	3pm
5, 4, 2 and Reception	9am	3.15pm

It is very important that you stick to the timing so that the pathways and corridors don't become too congested.

**Do I have to send my child to school?**

As you may be aware, **attendance from September becomes compulsory** again. We know, for some of our children, they have been away from school for many months and this will be a daunting prospect for them. If you have any worries you would like to discuss before the summer break, don't hesitate to contact your school office to talk to a member of the team.

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As parents/carers, please make sure you are aware of others around you and that you maintain social distancing at all times. We suggest **only one parent brings and collects their child** each day. Please can you only use the school office if it is urgent and you can't have your query answered by phoning the usual school telephone number. If you need to collect your child from school because they are unwell, you should come onto the school site in these circumstances.

### What groups will my child be working within?

All of our children will be working in both **year-group and phase bubbles**. For example, Years 1 and 2 will predominately be in their year-group bubble but for some sessions, such as Phonics, they will be in a phase bubble.

### What will the lessons look like?

We are so excited that all our children returning to school! Our teaching and learning team have been busy **amending our curriculum**. To begin with, we will make sure our children are welcomed back by their new teachers and have time to get to know them and talk about their extended time at home. We will re-establish our routines, rewards and consequences so they are set up to have a great start to the new academic year. We will then prioritise Reading, Writing and Maths and give this extra time on our revised timetables. We hope that the additional sessions will be practical and enable the children to get out of the classroom but still concentrate on the basics. Trust curriculum teams have revised long term plans to ensure core subject knowledge, that should have been taught during the late spring and summer term, is added into the children's new year-groups so gaps in learning are plugged quickly. Although we have dedicated more time to English and Maths, we have not taken all of our 'foundation curriculum'. We have focused the afternoons with our wonderful Theme curriculum, PE and PSHE.

### Will there be before and after school clubs?

We will be re-introducing the breakfast club and after school club during the first half term but not straight away as we need to be sure the main school is running smoothly first. We will send you a letter at the very start of term to find out how many children need what sort of provision. Other clubs will be introduced when we are allowed to do so.

I'm aware this is probably a lot to take in but we will write to you during the summer with a further update and guidance.

Take care of yourselves and your families.



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### Full September Opening Guidance

Please can you talk through the following with your child, in advance of their potential return to school to help this to be as safe and smooth transition as possible?

- **Hand-washing** - At school, children will be washing their hands frequently and thoroughly with running water and soap.
- **Social distancing on the school site** – Whether coming to drop-off or collect your children each day, everyone on the school site will be very conscious about keeping 1m plus social distance wherever possible. We will be putting up posters and other visual reminders of this around our school sites.
- **Classrooms** - Chairs and desks will be positioned in rows.
- **Equipment** - We'll be making sure that we limit the amount of resources children share. They will have their own pencils and pens with books only be shared with others in their bubble.
- **Playtimes/breaks** – Children will be able to play as usual but only with children in their designated class/year-group bubbles.
- **Lunches** - Schools will make sure children are socially distanced at lunch times by children staying in their bubbles if they have packed lunches. Those who have school dinners will be able to go to the dining hall. Equipment for lunchtime will be carefully cleaned and children must not mix cutlery, or share/swap food.
- **Following instructions from school staff** - In order for everyone to stay safe, it is essential that all children carefully follow instructions from school staff on everything mentioned above and the way that our school will operate for the rest of this half term. We will also talk them through new routines and expectations when they return to school.

#### Home Learning

We will continue to post weekly Home Learning via our school website for any children who can't attend school because of suspected COVID-19 in their family or in the event of a year-group, partial or whole-school closure. This will look different from September and will be in line with their normal daily lessons in school.

#### School Uniform

Children should now return to wearing school uniform from September. Please ensure children have appropriate footwear and clothes for indoor and outdoor PE.

#### Website

We have added a new tab onto our school website entitled 'Sept Full Opening'. In this section, we have added the following documents to see the measures we have taken to prepare our site for reopening and some resources you can share with your children to reassure them as they return to school. Our resources include: school risk assessment (this is a live document which will be updated regularly over the coming weeks); map of school site showing drop off and pick up points; pictures of how classrooms will be reorganised to promote social distancing; and the revised behaviour policy for 2020-21.

#### Holidays Abroad

The government has recently relaxed rules around quarantining if you are travelling back to the UK from many overseas locations. However, some quarantine regulations still apply which may mean you need to quarantine for 14 days when returning from certain overseas locations. We ask that you bear this in mind when returning from summer holidays and back to school in September. Please see the link below to Gov.uk around current guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>