

## **Vane Road Primary School Reopening Plan**

### **Information for Parents/Carers – July Version**

Please note that the following plan has been compiled by staff and Governors and is correct at the point of publishing (16<sup>th</sup> July 2020) under the Government [Guidance for Full opening: Schools – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020](#). The school publishes this plan to help parents/carers prepare for September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 but it has to be understood that the plan may need to adapt to new guidance released over the Summer Holiday. Confirmation of the plan will be sent to parents/carers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We will endeavour to avoid any changes.

The plan is designed to ensure that children only have direct (face to face for a period of 15 minutes or more) contact with as few other children and adults as possible whilst at school. The children will spend most of their time in Bubbles in which they will not socially distance from one another. Each Bubble will socially distance from other Bubbles as far as possible.

### **Coming to school**

**Children, parents/carers and staff who have a high temperature (38+), new persistent cough or a change/loss of taste must not come to school.**

**Parents/carers must do everything to they can to maintain Social Distancing at all times. It is expected that Parents/Carers ensure that their school aged children and other siblings follow these rules whilst coming into school.**

**Only one parent per family should drop children off.**

**Staff will be on hand to help parents/carers find the right entrance.**

### **Reception and KS1:**

- Reception will use the two Reception playground entrances that they have been using during the past few weeks – this will be explained to parent/carers during the transition visits.
- Year 1 enter Key Stage 2 Yard entrance from 8.50am walk down to Year 1 classrooms and then leave through same gate. Please ensure you walk round the perimeter of the playground to avoid any children that are on the yard. Parent/carers to be off site by 9am.
- Year 2 to enter school through main entrance gate from 8.50am and walk through to kitchen gate and leave through the middle entrance gate. Parent/carers to be off site by 9am.
- If parents have siblings in other classes in Reception or Key Stage 1 they should use the entrance that they will drop their first child off and then go to the next classroom entrance before leaving via the exit point for that class.
- If parents/carers have children in Key Stage 1 and 2, they should drop off their Key Stage 1 child/ren off first and then leave their Key Stage 2 child on the Junior Yard on the way out of school.

## KS2

- If a KS2 child has a sibling in KS1 or Reception, the KS2 child can come onto the Junior yard from 8:50am where they will wait in their zoned area. They will be supervised by an adult and parents/carers must leave the school grounds as soon as possible.
- If they do not have a sibling in KS1, the KS2 children should come to the Junior yard between 9.05am - 9.10am, children to use Junior Yard gate. Parents must leave children at the gate. Children then walk to their zone where staff will be waiting/monitoring. At 9:10am the whistle blows children to line up and all staff to collect their classes and walk to class.
- If it is raining the children will be directed to their entry point from 9:05am.

### Collecting the children at the end of the day:

**Parents/carers must do everything to they can to maintain Social Distancing at all times. It is expected that Parents/Carers ensure that their school aged children and other siblings follow these rules whilst leaving school.**

**Only one parent per family should collect children from school.**

**Staff will be on hand to help parents/carers find the right collection point.**

### Reception and Key Stage 1:

- At the end of the day parents of Reception and KS1 children to collect their children from the classroom doors from 3:00 – 3:10pm. It would help ease congestion if parents/carers who have children in KS2 come later in this time slot.
- All parents/carers should aim to be off the school site by 3:15pm
- If parents/carers have children in KS2, they should wait for their older children in the locations below.

### Key Stage 2:

- At the end of the day, Year 3 and 4 children will be brought onto the Junior Yard back to their zone at 3:15pm for parents/carers to collect them from the Junior Yard.
- Year 5 children will be brought through the school main door and out to Vane Road via the middle pedestrian exit.
- Year 6 children will be brought out of the North Stairs exit around by the kitchen gate and out to meet parents/carers at Vane Road via the exit next to the car park.
- If parents/carers have children in different year groups, they should collect the younger children first and arrange to meet the older children at their collection point.

[Click here for a link to maps on the school website](#)

### Contact with class teachers:

- Parents/carers will not be able to come into school unless it is an emergency, has been specifically arranged by a member of staff or they are called to collect a child from school.
- Should parents/carers wish to speak to the class teacher, they can do so by phoning the school office and requesting a call back.
- If parents/carers want to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership team, they should call the school office or send an email to [vaneroadparents@durhamlearning.net](mailto:vaneroadparents@durhamlearning.net)
- This is for the benefit of us all and we maintain our open door policy. You are a crucial part of our school success but at this time, we ask that parents/carers maintain their distance from school as much as possible.

### During the school day:

- The children will be supervised washing their hands when they come into school and at different times throughout the day. Additional handwashing facilities will be installed at the South Entrance to the school and in the Reception play area. Hand sanitiser will be available throughout the day.
- Tissues will be available throughout the day and children will be taught to 'catch it, Bin it, Kill it!' Lidded bins have been installed throughout the school.
- Additional cleaning of touch points and toilets will take place during the day. An additional cleaner will be employed.
- Children will be kept in their Year Group Bubble throughout the school day. They will have full contact with all the children and adults in this Bubble. They will have staggered break times and Lunchtimes so that their contact with other Bubbles is minimal and as distanced as possible.
- In classes, as far as possible, they will be seated next to each other, rather than facing one another.
- They will be given their own set of school stationery.
- Sharing of resources will be kept to a minimum and thorough cleaning and/or isolation of resources that are shared between Bubbles will occur before the resource is used again.
- In KS2 there are not enough toilets to have each Bubble using their own so Year 3 and 4 will share one set of toilets and Year 5 and 6 another. Boys and Girls will be allocated their own toilets.
- There will be a one-way system in the school that must be adhered to.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will open at 7:30am. Parents/carers should book their children in at least a week in advance by phoning Debbie on 07900701981. All children must be in this club by 8:15am. Parents/Carers must not use the school car park but must use the pedestrian gate next to the car park entrance.

There will be no 8:30am drop off.

## After-school Childcare

After-school Child Care will be available and parents/carers should book their children in at least a week in advance by phoning Debbie on 07900701981. Children must be collected by 5:30pm.

Whilst in Breakfast Club and After-school child care, the children will be kept in their year group Bubbles.

**There will be no Early Bird, before or after school clubs for at least the first term.**

**There will be no whole school assemblies or any whole school events for at least the first term.**

What to do in the event of a child presenting with COVID-19 symptoms:

**Children who have a high temperature (38+), new persistent cough or a change/loss of taste must not come to school.**

If a child presents with a high temperature, new persistent cough or a change/loss of taste when at school, they will be isolated and assessed by Mrs Wilson or a member of the Senior Leadership team. In most cases, the parent/carers of this child will be contacted and asked to collect them from school. Information on how to access a test will be given and the expectation is that the parent/carer will take the child for the test.

If the test is positive for COVID19 The Health Protection Agency will contact the school to evaluate who else this child has been in contact with. This is the reason why the school is keeping the children in the Bubbles. In most cases if there is an outbreak, more than one positive case, then the Health Protection Agency will advise the school to close that Bubble for 14 days. There should be no need to close other Bubbles. School will not routinely inform parents/carers of the whole school if there have been children sent home from school with symptoms or if a positive case has been diagnosed. School will take the advice from the Health Protection Agency as to who to inform.

If the test is negative, then the child may return to school immediately. If the test is negative but your child is still showing symptoms of a high temperature/a persistent cough or loss of taste and smell they must continue to stay at home until symptoms disappear.

Items coming in from home and sending home:

These should be kept to a minimum.

Children should not bring in items for show 'n' tell, if there is something the child really wants to show a photo can be emailed to school.

Children do not need PE kits, they should bring in a pair of trainers to be kept in school to wear inside and outside for PE lessons. There will no swimming lessons for the foreseeable future.

We will continue to use on-line learning to set homework.

On-line and physical books will be used to support the children's reading development.

Individual music lessons will take place but the risk assessment for this is still under review.

**We respectfully ask that parents/carers demonstrate patience and consideration at this time. We also expect that parents/carers will follow Social Distancing rules at all times.**

### Children's learning

Clearly the children have missed a lot of learning. Many parents/carers have done an amazing job supporting their children's learning during Lockdown; others will not have had the opportunity to do so. The teachers will take a flexible approach to the curriculum they deliver. We want to accelerate the children's learning but maintain the philosophy that 'we can't teach unhappy children.' Joined in with accelerated academic learning, the teachers will also focus on the children's well-being and creative development. Fitness will be the focus of PE lessons.

We have implemented clear and robust plans for meeting the needs of the children when they return but in reality we are not sure where the children will be academically when we return in September so we will need to tailor our teaching to meet their individual needs.

We will not be able to have the usual visitors, parent volunteers and school trips during at least the first half term to enhance the curriculum.

All other aspects of the curriculum will run as normal.

We are going to continue to improve the children's ability when learning from home using the technology that we have used over the past few weeks so that, in the event of a Bubble closure or full lockdown, we are in a better position to continue the children's learning from home.

**Please remember that this is the current plan and it may have to change following further guidance that the Government might produce over the Summer holidays. We will let you know by 2<sup>nd</sup> September if there are any changes.**