

Plan for re-opening on 1st June

Information to parents: 15.05.20

The Government has drawn up plans for the phased return of some primary aged pupils to school from the week commencing 1 June 2020.

Guidance from government documents has been followed in drawing up this plan.

Prior to re-opening the Governors, School Business Manager and Headteacher will complete a risk assessment and a health and safety check on the building. If either of these processes demonstrate that there is a significant risk to children or staff, the school will not re-open until the governors are satisfied issues have been addressed.

The staff will teach the children attending school to follow social distancing rules and to maintain infection control measures such as regular hand cleaning and respiratory hygiene. We will also introduce enhanced cleaning measures and minimise contact and mixing wherever possible. Individuals who are symptomatic will not attend school. We are assured by the government and PHE that this will lower the risk of transmission of the coronavirus.

Eligible children

Children who are eligible to attend school on 1st June include:

- Reception children (Cherry and Lime class)
- Year 1 children (Pear and Plum classes)
- Year 6 children (Oak and Rowan classes)
- Children with an EHCP and some children with additional needs (Please check with Mrs Silins if you are unsure).
- Children of key workers (currently on the key workers list drawn up on 23rd March)

The Government has stated that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are strongly encouraged to attend their school where it is appropriate for them to do so. If parents do not want their children to return to school we are happy to discuss parents' reasons for this.

Parents need to write either by letter or email informing the school if they **do not** want their child to attend. **We would ask parents to let us know by Tuesday 19th May, if possible, if they do not intend to send their child to school.**

Protective Measures

The school will take measures to reduce transmission of the virus. These include:

- Children will be taught in consistent groups of no more than 15 pupils with consistent staff.
- Children will be explicitly taught about social distancing, routines and expectations of behaviour.
- Regular hand washing and hand sanitiser available to children and staff.
- Enhanced levels of cleaning of tables, chairs, light switches, hand rails, toilets, door handles, telephones, office equipment etc.
- Children do not mix between groups.
- Areas of the school not being used are kept out of bounds.
- Limited movement around the building.

- Separate play areas for groups.
- Children go to the toilet in small groups
- Children to go into the cloakroom areas to leave/pick up bags in small groups.
- Children spaced out in classrooms and in lunch hall
- Safety messages displayed around the school.
- All children access classrooms from external doors.
- Children will be taught about safe play and safe behaviour around school.
- Trim trails and outdoor climbing equipment will not be used as it cannot be cleaned between different groups of children.
- Resources to be kept within a classroom and not shared between groups of children (the exception to this are the laptops/iPads which will be cleaned).
- The hall is only used for lunchtime. PE lessons are to take place outside.
- Internal doors to be propped open wherever possible to minimise touching of door handles.
- Cleaning will take place from 3:15pm to 6:30pm each day. All other staff should be out of the school by 4pm to enable the cleaning to take place.
- Teachers will remove resources that can't be easily cleaned.
- All rooms will be well ventilated
- Year 6 pupils to go straight to classes in the morning – no mingling on playground.
- Visitors to school will be limited.
- Parents contact the school office by phone or email.
- If parents need to come into the school – only one person in Reception area at any time.
- Staff encouraged to work at home where possible.

Illness

If a child or adult shows symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school they will be put in isolation until they can go home. Isolation will be in the Den. PPE equipment will be available for any staff member supporting that person or child.

Staff will closely monitor the children for signs of symptoms and the Headteacher will make the decision as to whether a child must stay at home.

Any child or adult who has symptoms must self-isolate for 7 days.

If a child or adult who has been working in the school is confirmed as having Covid-19, any children or adults who have had direct contact with that child or adult will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. This will include the children and staff members working in the group.

The School Day

Class organisation and staffing

- Children will be taught in groups of no more than 15 in separate classrooms.
- The groups and staff will stay the same and children will not be mixing between groups.
- Children will have a seat assigned to them and in EYFS and Year 1 a carpet space which will stay the same each day.
- Children's trays and necessary resources will be moved to their temporary classroom
- EYFS and KSI will use EYFS and KSI classes.
- Year 6 will use Year 5 and 6 classrooms.

- Children will be taught by teachers and teaching assistants.
- Teachers will plan and oversee all the teaching.

Drop off and Pick-up

All drop off and pickups will be staggered in order to maintain social distancing. Once numbers are known and groups have been allocated, parents will be advised in writing of their drop off and pick up time.

- All children will access classrooms from different external doors.
- Children will walk directly to their classrooms and not hang around in the playground.
- Children will wash their hands on arrival at school.
- Staff will be visible to children to welcome them in.
- Parents will need to remain 2m away from any school entrance.
- Parents will be encouraged to keep to social distancing and not congregate in groups.
- Only one adult per family can bring children into school.
- Parents will be asked not to bring siblings onto the school site where possible.
- Year 6 children to enter school from the overflow carpark. Parents leave them at the entrance to the car park or children walk to and from school on their own.
- EYFS and Year 1 children will be kept in school at pickup until a parent is visible and then sent out to meet their parent.
- Year 6 children to be met at the entrance to the overflow car park by parent at the end of the day.
- Children should only bring in lunch boxes and water bottles and should not bring in other items from home.

Playtimes

- Children will play in their teaching groups in their designated areas and will not be able to mix with other groups.
- Children will be supervised by teaching staff and Midday Supervisors to ensure they stay in their groups and do not mix.
- Children will wash their hands before eating and after playtimes.
- Play equipment such as trim trails, footballs etc will not be available as they are too difficult to clean.

Lunch

- Lunches will be staggered.
- Children will queue in their teaching groups and sit in their teaching groups leaving one space between each child.
- Tables and chairs will be thoroughly cleaned in between sittings.
- Hot meals will be available for children in Years R, 1 and 6.
- There will be a one way system around the school to avoid contact between groups.

The curriculum

Children will have a slightly adjusted timetable due to the staggered start and end of the day and lunches.

Wherever possible staff will plan a normal curriculum with some modifications due to resources and space.

Year 6 children will focus predominantly on being ready for secondary school specifically in reading, writing and maths.

Reception and Year 1 children will have a strong focus on maths, phonics and reading ensuring that children are given plenty of opportunity to catch up and go over concepts that may have been forgotten.

All children will also have lessons in other curriculum areas including PE. Teachers will take plenty of opportunities to teach children outside in the fresh air.

School hours

There will be no breakfast club or after school club as children need to stay in their teaching groups and not mix up. Children will therefore need to be collected by 3.15pm each day.

The school will need enhanced levels of cleaning during this time and will **therefore close at 1.15pm for all children on a Friday**. This will allow cleaners time to clean and teachers time to meet and prepare resources for the following week. There will be no childcare provision on a Friday afternoon for any children.

Provision for children of Key Workers and other eligible children

Children who are eligible to attend school because they have an EHCP, specific needs or they are children of key workers will continue to be taught in groups of no more than 15 by teaching staff as they have been since 23rd March.

Parents will need to book into this provision on ParentPay and children will need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. These children will stay in their teaching groups and the same rules will apply as to all other children being taught in the school. There will be no hot meal provision for these children due to capacity in the hall.

Children in this provision will continue with their remote learning on Seesaw.

Questions

Does my child have to return to school if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6?

The Government has stated that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are strongly encouraged to attend their school where it is appropriate for them to do so. If parents do not want their children to return to school we are happy to discuss parents' reasons for this.

Parents need to write either by letter or email informing the school if they **do not** want their child to attend. **We would ask parents of children in Year R, 1 and 6 to let us know by Wednesday 20th May if possible if they do not intend to send their child to school.**

My child has an underlying health condition – does he/she have to attend school?

If a child is considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable (ie. Parents have been advised by medics that the child should be shielding due to serious existing conditions) they should not be attending school. Parents of children who are considered to be clinically vulnerable (ie. Children who have an underlying condition) should follow medical advice.

My child lives with someone who has is clinically extremely vulnerable – should s/he come to school?

Children who live with someone who is clinically vulnerable can attend school. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school and should continue with remote learning at home as the school cannot guarantee stringent social distancing amongst children.

My child is not eligible to be in school at the moment – will remote learning (Seesaw and Tapestry) continue?

Remote learning will continue for children in Years 2-5. The teachers from these year groups will continue to plan and set tasks on Seesaw for children to access. There will be no Seesaw or Tapestry for children in Years R, 1 and 6 as these teachers will be in school teaching.

If parents of children in Year R, 1 and 6 decide to keep their children at home they will be directed to online resources they can use to support their child's learning at home.