

PHASED WIDER OPENING UPDATE

28th May 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope you are all keeping well and are enjoying the warm weather over this half term holiday period. We continue to have the children of key workers in school over this break and they are a pleasure to be with.

As stated in our previous letter we will begin the wider phased opening of the school from **Tuesday 2nd June**, provided it continues to be safe to do so. School will be open to key workers and vulnerable pupils from this date.

The Government is to publish an updated key worker list on **31st May 2020** and we will then have to update our offer to widen the keyworker group further. If we then have the capacity and it is safe to do so, we will provide further information to Year 6, Nursery, Reception and Year 1 for the proposed planned opening to these classes (thank you for your continued patience and understanding in the careful planning required for a potential wider opening).

Monday 1st June is an allocated training day and will be used to ensure staff are all aware of health and safety guidelines and to prepare the site for wider opening to children.

w/b Tuesday 2nd June

<p>The school will be open to the children of key workers/vulnerable children who have applied to return to school ONLY.</p>

These children have been grouped with available staff into '**Bubbles**'. Bubbles are groups of 15 or less children with allocated staff members who stay largely in the same areas of school. It may not be possible for your child to have their usual class teacher or learning assistant. Bubbles are designed to avoid cross contamination of groups of people and reduce the risk of possible spread.

Initially there will be 2 Bubbles in order to reduce the risk of children and staff mixing more widely. Should any member of the bubble show Covid 19 symptoms and test positive, the whole bubble will self- isolate and not return to school until safe. We will follow the most up to date guidance should this happen. You will be sent a text message before Tuesday 2nd June to let you know which Bubble your child will be working in.

Monday 8th June

If it is safe to do so, 2 further Bubbles will be introduced. We will open the school to children from Year 6 **whose parents have indicated that they wish their child to return to school**

Monday 15th June

Provided it is safe to do so, a further Bubble will be opened to accommodate pupils from the Nursery setting **whose parents have indicated that they wish their child to return to school.**

Monday 22nd June

Provided it is safe to do so, a further Bubble will be opened to accommodate pupils from the Reception class **whose parents have indicated that they wish their child to return to school.**

Monday 29th June

Provided it is safe to do so, a further Bubble will be opened to accommodate pupils from Year 1 **whose parents have indicated that they wish their child to return to school.**

The above plans are subject to change and are dependent on government guidelines and health and safety of pupils and staff. We will keep you informed of any changes as soon as we possibly can.

	Children	Classroom	Entry/Exit	Time to drop off / pick up
Bubble 1	Key worker /vulnerable children KS1	Year 2 classroom	KS1 entrance on playground	9.00am - 3.15am
Bubble 2	Key worker/vulnerable children KS2	Extended services	Main school office entrance	9.00am-3.15am
Bubble 3	Year 6	Year 6 classroom	Entry -Hall door Exit-classroom door	8.55am-3.20pm
Bubble 4	Year 6	Year 3 classroom	Entry -Hall door	8.55am-3.20pm

			Exit-classroom door	
Bubble 5	Nursery	Nursery setting	Nursery entrance/exit off playground	9.15am – 12.00pm 30hrs (3.00pm)
Bubble 6	Reception	Reception classroom	Reception entrance/exit off playground	8.50am – 3.00pm
Bubble 7	Year 1	Year 1 classroom	KS1 entrance/exit on playground	9.00am - 3.10pm

Breakfast/After school club provision

All children using breakfast and/or after school club must enter and exit through the main entrance and will be admitted into Bubble 2 until their own year group is opened more widely. Parents must drop off and pick up outside the main entrance and must not enter school. Drop off must be before 8.30am.

Health and safety measures introduced since lockdown:

A robust risk assessment has been written: this has been informed by all available guidance and in consultation with staff and governors. This is constantly being revised and updated. We acknowledge how important it is to you as parents to have as much relevant information as possible before sending your child back into school. We have put lots of measures in place which include the following:-

- ✓ Allocated entrance and exit points to avoid over-crowding
- ✓ Staggered entry and exit times to reduce no. of parents on the school grounds
- ✓ Regular hand washing for at least 20 seconds with soap and hot water (at least 6x per day)
- ✓ Allocated wash sinks/toilets for Bubbles of children to avoid cross contamination
- ✓ Posters and lessons to encourage regular and correct hand washing
- ✓ Hand sanitizer stations set up in each Bubble and at main entrance
- ✓ Lidded bin areas with disposable tissues/ hand sanitizer set up and labelled with “Catch it, bin it.”

- ✓ social distancing- 2 metres where possible (signage and lessons) and markings around the school
- ✓ PPE to be provided to staff when administering first aid or when supervising a symptomatic child who is waiting to be collected
- ✓ Implementing a one way system around the inside of school to avoid crossing paths at less than two metres (signage)
- ✓ We are encouraging one parent only dropping off and picking up where possible (reducing gatherings)
- ✓ Children and parents do not mix with other households whilst dropping off and collecting from classrooms; keep 2 metres apart and should not gather at gates (cones/markings and signage)
- ✓ Non uniform/leisure wear and trainers to be worn (no need to bring in kit and get changed for active outdoor lessons) These should be changed and washed each day if possible.
- ✓ Staggered lunch times, play times and outdoor activities to ensure social distancing
- ✓ Lunch will be taken in Bubble rooms to avoid cross contamination in school hall and outside when possible.
- ✓ Bubbles of children will be with the same bubble of adults as far as possible, this will not necessarily be their own teacher or usual learning assistant
- ✓ Work- stations allocated to children in classrooms (2 metres apart) with personal equipment provided by school (pens, pencils etc)
- ✓ Access to books will be managed so they are kept with the child at their workstation even when finished
- ✓ Verbal feedback on learning will take place rather than books and papers passing between pupils and staff
- ✓ In line with government guidance, pupils will be outside as much as possible- school will provide outdoor learning experiences whenever possible.
- ✓ Equipment or clothing items brought into school should be kept to a minimum
- ✓ Equipment and soft materials that could potentially harbour germs removed from Bubble areas.
- ✓ Face to face communication to the school office should be avoided unless absolutely necessary or in an emergency. Communication via telephone and email is most welcome (please avoid office staff having to take forgotten items to classrooms as this increases risk of contamination)
- ✓ Children to stay for the whole school day and not dropped off and collected around shift/working patterns
- ✓ More frequent cleaning especially of surfaces touched and any shared equipment
- ✓ Any child displaying Covid 19 symptoms will be immediately isolated and parents contacted to collect them. In the event of a confirmed case within a bubble, the whole bubble will isolate at home and the area deep- cleaned.

This list is not exhaustive and will be added to and amended as government guidance becomes available.

Home Learning

For those children who do not attend school we expect that home learning continues to take place from **Tuesday 2nd June**.

We will continue to provide home learning through the school website. We aim to continue to provide a high quality home learning curriculum that can be used flexibly to fit in with your child's and family needs. As schools open more widely however we need to manage the workload of staff and this may lead to other teachers planning for different year groups.

Potential plan of opening

1st June is an allocated training day. School closed to pupils.

Staff training/updates/health and safety and procedures to be implemented on 1st June

Class	w/b 2/6/20	w/b 8/6/20	w/b 15/6/20	w/b 22/6/20	w/b 29/6/20	w/b 6/7/20	w/b 13/7/20	w/b 20/7/20
Keyworker Children	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year 6	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nursery	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reception	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year 1	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓

This plan is subject to change and is dependent on the number of pupils attending in each group and the availability of staff and the continued health and safety of all stakeholders.

We are aware that this is a challenging time for everyone and appreciate your patience and understanding. Take care and keep well.

Mrs P Wade

Head teacher

Mr M Burke

Chair of Governors