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Monday 25th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past weeks we have kept you informed of developments and ensured our response to changing government guidelines has been carefully considered and appropriate. The safety of our school community is always our highest priority. The government have proposed that a staggered re-opening of schools may be possible from 1st June for Year 6, Year 1, Nursery and Reception classes. Stockport LA have proposed children return on 10th June with 8th and 9th June as training days with **no** children school in so that all staff have time to be trained on new routines and procedures. Please note that this plan may change if government advice changes.

It is important that parents of children from Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 6, inform us of their decision regarding their child's return to school as soon as possible, at the latest **by Friday 29th May**. This will allow senior leaders the opportunity to plan for as safe a return as possible.

Informing us of your decision will help us determine the numbers of children we are working with. Parents will be free to change their mind at a later date but at this moment in time we just need an idea of numbers. Please note: it is your choice as to whether you feel it is safe for your child to return to school, there will not be penalties for non-attendance.

If you decide to send your child to school please consider the following: in order for us to keep the children and adults safe school we have had to adapt our school offer - there will be restricted activities/movement around school/use of equipment and children may not be placed with friends. I feel it is important to be open and honest with you about the safety measures. We will continue to provide weekly home learning if children do not return via Class Dojo, or hard copies can be requested from the school office.

We have been working very hard on the return to school plan which has been approved by the Governing Body as being appropriate and robust for this initial phase of re-opening.

The new school structure:

To ensure we keep risks to the minimum, we will be operating a phased return to school for the year groups the government has specified:

- **10th June** - Year 6 to return to school – Wednesday and Thursday only
- **15th June** - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to return to school, in addition to Year 6, Monday to Thursday only
- Continuous provision for Key Worker and Vulnerable children – this will remain a full time option (Monday to Friday)

We will be operating staggered arrival and departure times for all year groups, as follows:

- Year 6 – **Monday to Thursday** 8:45 start 3:05 finish, entering school through the KS2 door
- Year 1 – **Monday to Thursday** 9:00 start 3:15 finish, entering school through the KS1 door
- Reception and Nursery – **Monday to Thursday** 9:15 start 3:10 finish, entering school through the blue wooden gate at the front of school.

- Resourced children - **Monday to Thursday** 9:15 start 3:10 finish, entering school through the main entrance at the office.
- Key Worker/ Vulnerable children - **Days and hours as required**, entering school through the main entrance at the office.

Children attending school will need to wear clean school uniform each day. They will not be getting changed for PE but will be taking part in physical activity, so pumps or trainers are advised to allow for this. Other than a coat and a packed lunch, children are not permitted to bring any other items from home; this is to avoid cross-contamination. If your child is having a packed lunch, they must bring it in a disposable bag so everything can be thrown away at the end of lunch time. Children entitled to free school meals will be provided with a meal as usual. School will provide children with water bottles which will be kept on their individual desk or in designated spaces in EYFS.

Only one parent should accompany children to school each day and collect them at the end of the day. Whilst waiting to drop children off or collect children, you must observe social distancing guidelines – markers will be placed on the school paths and playground to help enable this. Parents of Year 6; please only walk your child to school and collect them if absolutely necessary. Please do not send children to school on bicycles; the bike shed will remain closed.

Children will be organised into what the government is calling ‘bubbles’ – meaning groups of no more than 15 children and 1 or 2 adults. The class teacher can only be in one ‘bubble’ and the ‘bubbles’ cannot mix at all. We will organise the ‘bubbles’ taking a number of factors into account so you do need to be aware that children may not be with all their friends. This is necessary so that any outbreak of the virus can be tracked and traced and those people who have been in the affected ‘bubble’ can isolate and be tested.

We will teach the children how to social distance so that they will maintain 2 metre distance from others, but this will be impossible in some situations, for example, when children are moving across the classroom. Children in Years 1 and 6 will be sat separately and away from other children. In the EYFS, children will be actively encouraged to keep space between themselves and the children in their bubble.

To limit the risk of infection, we plan to take children’s temperatures on entry to school: those children with a temperature of 38° or over will not be able to stay in school; they will need to be tested for COVID-19 and the family will need to self-isolate until the test results are back. If the test results are positive for COVID-19, all adults and children in that particular bubble will need to self-isolate for 14 days. It is important that you inform us as soon as you receive your results. If the children, or anyone else living in your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (such as a persistent cough, high temperature, or loss of taste/smell) then you must follow government guidelines and stay indoors, only leaving the house to be tested. Please do not bring children to school if displaying any symptoms of the virus.

Children will not have access to all of the practical resources they would normally have; this measure is to avoid infection spreading through children touching the same things. Children will have their own set of equipment and books on their table to use depending on the activity being carried out. At break and lunch times, children will be in their bubbles and will not be able to mix with other groups. The use of equipment and space at break and lunch times will be limited to avoid cross contamination (for example there will be no football or contact sporting activities).

Thank you for the time you have given to read this, we are here to support you and protect our whole school community. If you decide that your child will return to school, there is a new home-school agreement which needs to be signed by you and your child regarding expectations, for the return to school. This can be printed at home, or a hard copy can be collected from the office, however, this will need to be returned before the 9th June.

Thank you so much for all of your support and kind words. Best wishes, take care and stay safe.

Emma Hill, Headteacher