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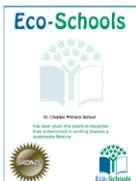
Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. As we begin to re-open school I would like to thank our wonderful staff who have worked so hard over the last few months to provide home learning and support to others, prepare and deliver meals and food packages to our community and provide childcare for key worker children in Hubs; as well as looking after their own families and loved ones.

Our school will initially open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children, this should continue to be only where there is no other viable alternative, as the safest place for the vast majority of children is their home. This provision will be childcare not education-based and we will continue to provide home learning for all our pupils during this time. In line with guidance, our school will not be operating our Breakfast club or any after school clubs.

As outlined in Steve Reddy's letter from Friday last week, on June 8th Liverpool City Council will be conducting further risk assessments to ascertain whether Year 6 pupils return to school later in June. Once we know more, I will be in touch. These risk assessments, which will include liaising with public health and considering the local context of Covid 19, will continue before any other year groups potentially come into school. We have undertaken rigorous risk assessments based on our own circumstances' around space, staffing numbers and availability to be able to meet the stringent requirements to reopen. As and when children do return to school, it will by no means be in 'normal' circumstances, I want to make this very clear; school will be very different.

We have to introduce strict social distancing measures, which I'm sure you can imagine is extremely difficult. Last week, we rearranged furniture in our classrooms to see how many children we can fit in each classroom, whilst maintaining the 2m social distancing guidelines. A one-way system to come onto the playground and to walk around school has been introduced to minimise contact with adults and I ask that children and adults follow this.



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We have been advised that the children must remain within the group, for all activities, break times and lunch times. The groups will only be allowed to mix with themselves, no other friendship or learning groups will be allowed. Lunch and playtimes may have to be staggered so that children do not mix. The school day may have to be altered to accommodate arranged times for drop off and pick up. Throughout the day there will be planned and regimented hand washing and cleaning protocols, the buildings will have one-way systems for travelling.

I also want to make it clear that there is no expectation for you to send your children back to school, this is a family decision, and there will be no pressure to attend. If families make the decision that your child is safer at home then we respect that decision. No one will be penalised for non-attendance at this time. Having had communications with some families we understand that a number of you do not intend for your children to return to school at this time, so we are continuing to provide access to home learning and communications with teachers via the website/text service. We know some families have requested paper copies of work and we will contact you when they are ready to collect/be delivered. Please let us know if you would like to receive paper copies of work. There has been lots of commentary and fear about children falling behind in school, I want to reassure you that no child is falling behind as the education of children stopped when schools closed.

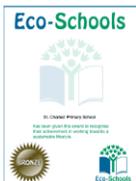
Our Senior Leadership Team are currently working on our school curriculum and we will ensure that gaps are filled. We will also be focusing on the mental health and wellbeing of children when they return and offering further pastoral support to support their transition back into school. Please do not worry about this and try to enjoy your time together as a family and look after each other, All of our staff and myself can't wait to have our children return to school, laughing, learning, celebrating success and enjoying our school family. However, our priority now is that everyone is safe and that we continue to support children, families and our community as best we can.

Below are the intentions for how our school will operate from the 1st June.

School day: 8.30am – 3.30pm

General operation:

- Children will be in a group no more than 10 children
- Children will be with one adult in a group and not necessarily with the same groups of children or teacher they were with before lockdown.
- Children must wear clean clothes every day. School uniform for this half term will be optional.
- Children will not be able to bring anything from home except a water bottle. No bags, books, pencil cases or any other item.
- We will be limiting the movement around the school, however where needed there will be 2m distant markers. All children will be expected to use these.
- Children and staff who are displaying any of the COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed into school.
- We have 2 dedicated isolation spaces for those children who become ill in school.



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Drop off and pick up

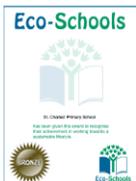
- Children will arrive to school in a morning and picked up at a specified time. These need to be adhered to. This is to minimise the numbers of people on the site at any one time.
- One adult to drop off and pick up at the allocated time. You should only bring siblings if you have no alternative option. If you do bring siblings, they will need to be by your side and adhering to the social distancing measures we have in place. Along the fence there will be 2m distancing posters whilst you are waiting to drop off your child. Please do not hang around the gates / school for any other reasons.
- Drop your child off at the double gate entrance where they will be registered and given hand sanitizer to rub into their hands. The children will be shown by staff which classroom they will work in.
- We will not be taking your child's temperature, if you feel they have any of the symptoms of Covid-19 please **DO NOT** bring them to school.
- At the end of the day, collection times have been allocated, parents need to stand by the 2m distancing signs. Children will be sent to you one at a time.
- Parents are not allowed to enter the school building. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please ring the school office.
- This will continue to be our procedure for arriving and leaving regardless of weather conditions.

Break time and lunch time

- All children will have a school meal. The children will order these each day when they come into school. There will be 3 choices each day: sandwich or jacket potato with various fillings or 'Dish of the Day'.
- If for some reason you require your child to have a packed lunch you will need to ensure that any packaging is entirely disposable – no lunchboxes are allowed within school at all.
- The children will eat their lunch in the classrooms.
- Lunch times and break times will be staggered so that groups of children do not mix with any other group.
- The outside climbing frames will not be in use. The children will be able to play with smaller equipment such a hoola hoops and balls as we are able to clean these after every use.

In the classroom

- The children will remain in their allocated classrooms for the duration of the day. They will not be mixing with any other groups.
- The children will have set times for the toilets during the day and these will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- Only one girl and one boy will be allowed to use the toilet at a time; toilet times will be supervised.
- Children will not be allowed to leave the classroom for the toilet other than at their specified time. If your child has a medical condition please advise school on the first day your child starts, as your child may not be with their regular teacher.
- The children will sit at desks, where they will be at least 2m apart, all facing the same direction.
- All unnecessary furniture, equipment and soft furnishings have been removed.
- The classrooms will be cleaned throughout the day, with desks sprayed and bins emptied.



If we can do anything to help, then please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Kind regards



Mrs R Dean
Headteacher



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