



### Wider opening for Years 2, 3 and 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. As we continue to re-open school I would like again 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.

I am delighted to say we are now in a position to open up school to Year 2, 3 and 4 from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020. In line with current guidelines this is a carefully planned and risk assessed return of pupils and there are a number of changes to arrangements and procedures we need to make you aware of. 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 return to 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 the children return, 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. The children must remain within the group, for all activities, break times and lunch times.

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 6<sup>th</sup> July.

If you have children in more than one year group, please drop off and collect your child on the times for the **youngest child**.

Year Group	Start of day	End of day
Year 2	9.15 am	2.45 pm
Year 3	9 am	3 pm
Year 4	9 am	3 pm

**General operation:**

- 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.
- Children and staff who are displaying any of the COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed into school.
- We have a dedicated isolation space for those children who become ill in school.
- Children will arrive at school in a morning and be picked up in the afternoon 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.

### ***Drop off & Pick-up***

- 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 distancing markers 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 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***

- If your child is entitled to a free school meal then they will be provided with a meal. If you would like to buy a school meal then please send £10 per week into school. 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 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 1m 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

We have placed details about the school re-opening on the school website. If we can do anything to help, then please do not hesitate to contact school.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Kind regards