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Reopening School

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all the parents who responded letting us know whether you are intending for your child to return to school on Monday 1st June. We appreciate that this has been a difficult decision for you to make. Now that we know the numbers of children returning we are able to tell you more specific details about how school will work, putting in place all of the government guidelines to make the school safe for everyone.

Classes

Children will work in groups of no more than 10 with other children from their year group.

Year 6 will be using their own classroom and the Y4 classroom.

Class 1 and foundation Stage children will use their own classroom.

Where possible we are using the teachers and teaching assistants from your child's own year group to teach groups. Each group will remain with the same adults and children throughout the day to limit the number of contacts with others.

Dropping off and collecting children

Each group of children will be met by their teacher outside the school entrance. There will be lines marked out to help you following social distancing while you are waiting. Staff will then take the children to their classrooms. Children will also be collected from this point at the end of the day.

We will have staggered start and finish times to limit the number of adults on the school site at the same time. If you have children in more than one of these groups please contact the school and we will arrange a time for them to be dropped off and collected together.

Class	Teacher	Start Time & Finish Time
6	Mrs Edwards	8.45am-3.15pm Monday to Friday
1	Mrs Malin	8.50am-2.50pm Monday to Friday
Foundation 2	Miss Miller	9.10am-3.10pm Monday to Friday
Foundation 1	Mrs Gerstel	9am-2pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday only
Daycare	Miss Fowler	9am-2pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-3pm Thursday, Friday *Please wait by the Daycare entrance*

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Wrap Around Care

Unfortunately at this time we will not be able to provide before and after school care or run clubs to prevent the children mixing with different groups of people. If this causes you real difficulty please contact us and we will try to help if we can.

Hygiene

The school will be deep cleaned before we return in June and will be cleaned daily as usual. In addition to this each classroom will have cleaning equipment so that surfaces can be cleaned regularly throughout the day. Where possible children will be given their own resources (like pens and pencils) to use and we will only be using things that can be easily washed. Resources used in Foundation Stage will be cleaned after every group has used them.

Both adults and children will be washing their hands regularly throughout the day and handwashing facilities and sanitiser will be available in all areas. Each group will have their own toilet area to use and again these will be cleaned regularly.

To help with good hygiene we would like all children to bring their own labelled water bottle each day.

Break times and Lunchtimes

Children will work and play outside as much as possible. They will take their break times in their small groups and will not be able to mix with other groups. We will only use play equipment which can be easily cleaned and this will be washed between each group using it.

All children will have their lunch in the dining room or hall with their class group. They will have plenty of room to spread out and all tables and chairs will be cleaned before and after each group eat. Hot school dinners will be available as usual or children can bring their own packed lunch.

Uniform

Children should come to school in their usual school uniform. They will not need a PE kit but please make sure they are wearing sensible shoes for outdoor play and a coat if it is cold as we will be encouraging active outdoor learning as much as possible. Government guidance says that there is no need to do anything other than wash clothes in the normal way following a day at school.

Book bags

Following government guidance we will be limiting the resources sent between home and school as so the children will not need to bring their book bag to school. We will not be sending reading books home for this reason however the children will read every day in school with an adult and we will send you details of how to access reading resources online.

If your child is unwell

If your child displays any symptoms linked to the virus –high temperature, a new persistent cough or loss of taste or smell they should not come into school. You would need to self-isolate as a family until your child can be tested. All children and their families would be eligible for testing if they become ill with Coronavirus symptoms. If the test is negative they can return to school. If your child tests positive, you should follow the guidance for self-isolation for 14 days and inform the school so that all the group can be sent home to self-isolate. If your child becomes unwell at school you will be asked to come and collect them. They will be kept separate from other children until you arrive and will be supervised by an adult who may wear some PPE.

Supporting the children in School

We know that it will be a big change for your child both returning to school after a long break and adjusting to the changes we have put in place. We will be doing everything we can to make sure that the school is still a welcoming and happy place. Staff are asked to keep a distance from children **where possible** but we will still reassure and support any one who is upset and provide first aid for anyone who is hurt.

We will spend time making sure that the children understand the new routines in place and have the chance to talk about any worries or concerns they may have.

Adults in School

Parents and carers are asked not to come into the school building to limit the numbers of contacts between people. Please contact the office by phone or email if you need to speak to someone and this will be arranged for you.

If you have informed us that your child is not returning to school at this time we will contact you each week to ask if you would like your child to return the week after and will accommodate this while we have the capacity for more children in these year groups.

I know that this is a lot of information and that reading about all the measures in place may make you feel anxious. Please be assured that we are following all government guidance to make sure that everyone in our school community is safe. We will do everything that we can to make school as normal as possible for the children so that they are happy and enjoy being back with us.

The government will make its final decision on whether schools can open on Thursday 28th May and we will contact you by text following this to confirm that we will open on June 1st.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to ring the school and we will try to answer these for you.

Kind regards,



Miss Stothard
Headteacher