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Dear Parent's/ Carers,

We are now at the end of the first summer term, and well done to all of you who have worked so hard in trying to balance home learning with the well being of your children. It has been lovely to see all the photographs on the facebook page and the class dojo's of the smiling faces we are all missing at school.

As you will be aware we are now in preparations for a school opening on the 8<sup>th</sup> June following a 2 week half term. The school will be open to key worker and vulnerable children throughout the half term as it has been throughout all holidays and bank holidays since the 20<sup>th</sup> March in support of those of you working on the frontline, well done all of you!

Packed lunches must be provided throughout half term and class teachers will inform you of the week they are taking for leave through the class dojo, work will not be provided during the individual class teacher's week off and any concerns or questions you have must be directed through the school office.

I would like to share with you the plans for the school opening from the 8<sup>th</sup> June, however please be aware that these are only plans and cannot be confirmed until after June 1<sup>st</sup> when school leaders will meet with school Governors who will have the final decision on whether it is safe to open and that will also be dependent on government guidance. **The safety of school is not a guarantee due to the nature of the pandemic and all we can and will do is reassure you that we have followed guidance from the Department for Education.**

From the 8<sup>th</sup> June we are hoping to begin a staggered opening of school for year 6, Reception and Year 1. If you have a Nursery child and would like them to return, that will be at a slightly later date once we have risk assessed all other year groups.

For those of you who would like your child to attend school, **this is entirely your decision** and if you wish to keep your children at home their attendance will not be effected, please see below the planned return which allows us to risk assess effectively:-

- Year 6 will potentially return on the 8<sup>th</sup> June, parents will be informed on the 1<sup>st</sup> June if school is considered to be as safe as it can be by School Governors.
- Year 1 will return on the 10<sup>th</sup> June.
- Reception will return on the 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Parents who wish their children to attend school in the year 6, 1 and \reception year groups must inform school by Tuesday at 12 noon the week before in order for free school meal



If we have your email address we can send letters direct to your inbox

vouchers to be ordered or cancelled (dinners will be provided as usual) and risk assessments completed with regards to numbers of children in 'bubbles'. Vouchers will only be issued to those families who **do not** take a place in school, part or full time. If you have not informed school of your intention to take a place, unfortunately they will not be permitted into school for that week for health and safety reasons.

- The school day will be staggered with year 6 starting at 8:45-2:45, Year 1 will start at 9-3 and Reception from 9:15-3:15.
- We cannot guarantee children will have their usual teacher as we have created learning 'bubbles' of 10-15 children per room across school, therefore all teaching and support staff are deployed for these 3 year groups. Some 'bubbles' will have 2 teachers across the week but they will not have teachers across 'bubbles'.
- All children attending school will be placed in a 'bubble' which is a teacher led room, where possible, with support staff. Children will remain in this 'bubble' throughout the school day. The rooms have been stripped bare and will have individual desks which have been spread out at a 2 metre distance where possible.
- Children will not be permitted to socialise outside of their bubble and will have their school dinner in the classroom and playtimes will be on a rota basis. There will be no wider group gatherings or celebrations. Any celebrations for year 6 will be scheduled when we are permitted to do so.
- Children will need clean clothes on a daily basis therefore they do not need to wear school uniform.
- Older children are expected to socially distance at all times, however due to learning styles and age we cannot expect younger children to socially distance.
- Children who do not follow the safety rules will be sent home due to the risks to health and safety.
- Parents and children will be expected to sign a home school agreement which outlines all expectations which must be adhered to.
- If a child or adult becomes unwell with Covid 19 symptoms then the children and adults in that bubble will be sent home immediately in order to wait for test results. If positive the bubble will need to self isolate for 14 days minimum.
- Adults in school will not be wearing PPE unless attending to a pupil who presents with symptoms.

The above details are just an overview for you to consider and may be subject to change on an ongoing basis. I will send further details once a decision has been made after the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Thank you once again for all your support, we miss you all! Stay safe and well!

Claire Murphy



Headteacher

