

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the return to school details for your child.

On the survey, you have indicated that you would like your child to return to school and be in a bubble with their Reception peers for the rest of the summer term. Details are below:

Attendance:

As you have indicated that you would like your child to return to school, we expect your child to be in school every day, except for if they are unwell or for other authorised reasons. If your child is unable to attend school, please inform the school office by 8:30am on the morning of your child's absence.

Bubble:

Your child will be in a bubble with some of their reception peers with Miss Hoade.

Location:

Your child's classroom will be the ICT Room.

Drop off and collection:

Your child will need to enter the school through the side gate by the school car park at 9.30am and be collected from the front of the school at 12.30pm. Please try to be as prompt as possible to avoid cross over of children from other bubbles. A video will be uploaded to your child's Seesaw Account to explain this in more detail.

Parents on site:

Please do not congregate at the school doors and ensure social distancing is observed at all times. There will be no entry into the building for parents but if you do have any concerns or questions, please call or email the school office. We would also be grateful if attendance is limited to only one parent or carer per child and only bring siblings into the grounds if absolutely necessary.

Lunch:

If you have indicated that you would like your child to be provided with a cold, take-away lunch, they will collect this as they leave school.

Uniform:

There is no requirement for children to attend in school uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing clothing that is suitable for outdoor activities. We expect children to attend school in clean clothes each day.

Equipment and belongings:

In order to reduce the number of belongings entering and leaving school, we ask that your child only brings a named water bottle into school. All other resources and equipment will be provided by the school, labelled and left on their individual desk.

### Learning in school:

We understand that for many children and families, the past few months will have been very challenging and stressful. Our priority when your child returns is their emotional health and wellbeing. We will therefore provide opportunities for your child to talk, write and draw about their experiences. We will also be teaching phonics, writing and counting activities each day.

### Suspected or confirmed coronavirus cases in your child's bubble:

- If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they will be sent home and advised to follow government guidance.
- If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door
- When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.
- All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.
- Where a child, young person, or staff member tests positive, the rest of their bubble will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person, or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

### Steps we have taken to keep your child, staff and the community as safe as possible:

I understand that deciding whether to send your child back to school is not an easy decision, but I want to reassure you that a lot of hard work and planning has taken place to minimise the risk to your child, staff and the community. A thorough risk assessment has been carried out and will continue to be reviewed. Here are some of the actions that we have taken based on the risk assessment:

- Reception children will have a limited amount of resources which will be cleaned daily
- Enhanced, deep cleaning has taken place prior to school reopening
- Daily cleaning by cleaners
- Staff members will regularly wipe down and disinfect commonly touched areas throughout the day
- Children will be asked to wash their hands regularly
- Wherever possible, the same adults will stay with the children in the bubble
- Children will not see their peers in other bubbles, due to separate classrooms, staggered playtimes and sectioned areas of the playground, along with staggered entry and exit times
- Movement around the school will be limited and clear signage will be in place to identify exit and entry points
- School assemblies will continue to be delivered virtually
- Staff training has taken place on 8th and 9th June to prepare staff for these changes and to be able to support your child to adapt to these changes
- Please ensure good personal hygiene of your child and wash their clothes at the end of the school day
- In order to keep everyone safe, some staff may wear PPE (Personal Protection Equipment), particularly if administering first aid or if they are supervising a child who is ill.

As mentioned above, we will upload a video to your child's Seesaw account to help prepare your child for returning to school and clearly explain the procedures for dropping off and picking up children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We really look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.



David Gunning  
**Head of School**