

19th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Government has asked schools to welcome back Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children from 1st June in groups of 15 or less. We have therefore been working with the Blue Kite Trust and our other schools, to formulate a plan which enables a return of pupils and staff in greater numbers, as safely as possible.

We would like to make clear from the outset, we cannot guarantee social distancing will be maintained – evidence from running classes for the children of key workers has shown this to be impossible, but we will implement all reasonable measures possible, in line with Government advice and doing our utmost to keep all children and staff safe. As Mr Evans said in his letter, it is your choice whether you send your child back to school. We will respect your wishes and continue to support children at school and at home.

If Government and union guidance is that we are in a position to reopen school on Monday 1st June, your child would be able to attend for three consecutive days. We will begin with a phased approach and will continue to offer online learning for those not in school. We may then be able to scale up the below offer in the future.

Our format will be:

- **School open from 9am to 3pm**
- **School open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**
- Reception children will be organised into 2 bubble groups. Each group will have an allocated member of staff. Each bubble group will be in a separate classroom with separate outside play area.
- Nursery class will be together in the Nursery classroom, if the numbers grow, we may split into 2 Nursery bubble groups. Nursery timings 8:30am – 11:30am
- No Breakfast or After School Club available
- When the school is closed, a deep clean will take place each week
- Drop off and pick up should be quick and will be via an allocated playground. Parents should stand at least 2 meters apart and will not be able to talk to the teacher. Please contact the office if you would like to speak to your child's teacher.
- We will have a non-touch thermometer in school and will take the temperature of any child who seems unwell. If a child has a temperature, they will be sent home immediately.
- New rules for children will be explained via a children's leaflet – please discuss and share this with your child
- Parents should email or phone the office, please do not come into school
- Not all members of staff will be visible daily to parents and children due to social distancing
- We will continue to provide key worker and vulnerable children with childcare in a separate bubble if needed

Covid 19 procedures:

- Small class sizes
- Promote 'catch it, kill it, bin it' regime for coughing and sneezing
- Hygiene station in each room – with tissues, hand gel and bins
- Washing hands more frequently, for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap
- Teaching children about germs and the importance of handwashing
- Not allowing children to hug one another

- Taking temperatures of children who look flushed
- People do not mix across Bubble groups
- Very small group teaching on the carpet
- Only 2 children working at an activity at any one time, spaced apart
- Playing outside as much as possible
- One section of toilets per bubble group
- Reducing the number of soft toys, games and equipment in the classroom
- Wash hands on entry to school in the morning and frequently throughout the day
- Packed lunches provided for children to eat in the classroom or outside area
- Staff wearing PPE when dealing with any intimate care
- Children only interact with children and staff in their bubble group, including at breaktime
- New postbox on the wall outside the main office for any communication
- Increased cleaning

School

Please understand, this is not 'school as normal'. Your child will need your support to help them prepare for the very different environment they will be coming in to and different experiences they will have. Please talk to them ahead of time. Some staff maybe be wearing personal protective equipment. All children will be required to wash their hands when they first arrive at school.

Uniform

We would ask that children return to school in uniform where possible. We understand some children may have grown over the past few months and new uniform is not easy to come by. If uniform is too small, then a similar colour clothing is acceptable. If possible, clothing should be changed daily.

Equipment

Children will only be allowed to bring a coat and whole piece of fruit into school each day. Please bring a water bottle in on day 1 to be left in school. Medication – should already be in school, or please bring it in on the first day and leave in school eg inhalers.

Teaching

We will be teaching a slimmed down curriculum, which Miss Coley and Mrs Stratford will plan. All learning activities will then be shared with Teaching Assistants to use with their groups. Each child will be allocated their own zip bag of equipment eg whiteboard, pen, pencil, counters. Online learning will continue for children on the days they are not in school. On return to school, we will focus on supporting the children's social and emotional development. Please let us know if you feel that your child requires any extra support eg due to a change in family circumstances such as relationship changes, illness or bereavement.

Bubbles

Your child will be allocated to a bubble with a Teacher or Teaching Assistant. As a small school, it will be someone they will know, but may not be their class teacher. However, Miss Coley will be in daily discussions with the Teaching Assistants and will be supporting learning.

Key worker children

We will continue to provide childcare for our key worker and vulnerable children from Monday to Friday. However, this may not be on our school site, as has been the case recently. With our small number of staff, in order to cater for all children, we may need to share staffing cover with other schools. Government advice is to keep bubbles separate, so different groups of children should not mix. Parents are welcome to send their child to William Morris for 3 days a week to mix in a small group of their own class, or we are able to arrange a full week of childcare shared with another school. I am happy to discuss this with individual families on the phone.

Stay at home

It is essential that if your child, or anyone in your household, is unwell and presenting with any symptoms that they stay at home. ***Please inform us if this is the case.*** A non-touch thermometer will be used to check children's temperatures if we are concerned about their wellbeing. If in doubt, we will contact you to arrange for you to collect your child immediately.

Numbers – in order to organise our groups – please email the school office by Friday to confirm if your child will be attending on 1st June.

I would like to thank our staff who have still be working in school, providing care for key worker and vulnerable children and also for the work preparing online resources to keep your children busy and learning at home. This care will continue for key worker and vulnerable children where needed.

We would like to thank you for your support in helping your child learn from home. If your child will remain at home beyond 1st June, we will continue to offer home learning, and meal support for those eligible. Please do continue to stay in touch with us about how your child is getting on.

Thank you for your continued support, help and understanding during these difficult times. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely



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