

8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Phased return to school for Reception Children

Dear Parents

As you know Reception is one of the prioritised year groups that the government have identified that are able to return to school. We are constantly reviewing our risk assessment alongside the latest updates from the government and after staff training that will take place on Monday and Tuesday we are satisfied that we are able to welcome back children in **Reception on Thursday 11th June**.

**As a parent of a child in Reception this information is specifically for you and not all year groups:**

### When does my child start?

Children in Reception will be able to start school on Thursday 11th June

### Will my child be in their class?

To ensure we are able to keep groups of children in small groups to reduce the risk of transmission the children will be in smaller groups (maximum 15 children) called 'bubbles' (please read the Welcome Back booklet )booklet attached to this email).

Due to the sizes of different Year groups, Year 1 children who have been with Miss Cross in Forde Class will now be part of the Year 1 bubbles and not in the Reception bubble this ensures that the Reception bubble will not exceed 15 children.

We will have one bubble for Reception children with Miss Cross in Forde classroom with Mrs Gribble supporting. The number of Reception children who have indicated they will be returning is low and we initially anticipate a smaller group of children, however we have cleared the classroom to ensure maximum space and the continuous use of the outdoor area so that we have the space for all Reception children should they return.

### What are the staggered start and finish times for the day?

As per government guidance adults are required to stay 2m apart at all times. We will have staggered start and finish times and strict drop off zones so that we don't have overcrowding of parents at these times and you are able to wait safely, 2m spaces shown by the cones outside.

Reception children will have the same school hours as we have always had and will enter the school building between **8.45 - 9.00 and will be collected at 2.45** . It is crucial that Reception stick to these times as Year 1 children will also be accessing school at the back door but will have different times. **Please do not come to school early and wait** - you must only be at the back door of the school at your allocated times of 8.45 - 9.00 and 2.45 and must wait 2m apart to pick up.

### Where do I drop off and pick up?



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Reception children will enter and exit the school at the **back door of the school which is located in Osborne Street**. This means your child will be able to make a few steps and they will be in their classroom instead of having to cross the playground with other bubbles.

Parents will be unable to enter the school building and you will need to say goodbye at the back door and keep 2m distance from staff. Miss Cross and Mrs Gribble will be there to help your child safely to the classroom and knows where to put their things.

To ensure the Year 1 and Reception bubbles do not mix we have a queuing system indicated outside of the building where it is safe to wait.

This is illustrated in the video that will be sent to parents.

### **What are expectations of attendance?**

The government is expecting all children who attend to do so full time and we are unable to offer part time attendance. It is ultimately parents' decision if their child attends and parents will not be fined for non-attendance, but we are required to take a register and check on any children who have not attended.

### **Are children expected to socially distance in school?**

No. Once in pods, 2m social distancing is not required but they should try to stay as far apart as possible. Children in Y1, Y6 or key worker children will be sat at desks which are spaced out with individual equipment.

In Reception this is impossible and the children will mix. We will encourage them to distance but they are very young and we cannot sit them at desks and we cannot keep them apart at all times. They will all have access to outdoor provision and use the playground at different times to other bubbles.

### **What does my child need to bring to school?**

The only permitted items will be packed lunch boxes and a water bottle. Please leave all school bags, toys and equipment at home.

### **Does my child need to wear school uniform?**

The government has asked that parents apply usual rules to clothing and we would ask that they come to school in clean clothes every day. We would like to encourage the wearing of school uniform as we feel children will be helped with the routine and familiarity of wearing it and it is easier for parents; however we fully understand that children may have grown out of their uniform or may not have enough items of school uniform if it is unclean. So we will have a relaxation of the uniform rules and would encourage it if possible but understand if there are some days when something different is worn.

As it is warmer, summer uniform of dresses, shorts, trousers and white top will be comfortable for the children to wear.

### **What happens at lunchtime?**



To minimise risk we will provide all children eligible for free school meals with a packed lunch (we will not be having any hot food served at this time). All free school meal children will be provided with a packed lunch in school (this will replace the FSM vouchers you have been receiving from Edenred). Children will be asked for their sandwich preference at the start of the day - all other children to bring a packed lunch from home. Please also send in a named water bottle.

The children will eat in their bubble in their classroom and not the hall. At lunch and play time, the children will have designated time to play in the playground with their bubble.

**Will they be continuing the same lessons as before lockdown?**

We will introduce a soft timetable to help the children to regain a sense of school structure. There will be a mix of a restorative curriculum balanced with other traditional learning experiences. We will continue to provide the home learning provision for those not in school.

**Will staff wear PPE? Will the children be wearing masks?**

Staff in schools are not required to use PPE and children are not required to wear masks. However, some staff may choose to do so. Where a child needs first aid or shows symptoms of Covid-19 they will be attended to by a member of staff wearing PPE. A member of the team may take a child's temperature, if they are concerned about their health.

I realise that there is a lot of information here so we are making a short child friendly video that will help not just children but parents too visualise what it will look like and where you will need to be. As ever please do contact school with any questions by email \*\*\*\* or by phoning the school. Please bear in mind if calling school we will be training for some of Monday and Tuesday so please be patient and try again later or leave a message for us to get back to you.

Many thanks for your continued support as we work together to get your child safely back to school.

Mrs Edwards  
Head of Academy