

10th July 2020

Dear Parents,

As stated in my letter to you all on the 3rd July, the Government released their plan for how schools will reopen in September on the 2nd July. There will still be quite a lot of rules in place and school will still not be back to 'normal' school.

When we open in September the children will still be in 'bubbles', but now of 30 children. This means that our normal classes can resume.

- Class 1 – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be a bubble of 20 children, with Mrs Slack/Mrs Scott, Miss Adlington, Mrs Mitchell and sometimes Mrs Costello.
- Class 2 – Year 3 and Year 4 will be a bubble of 16 children, with Miss Moore.
- Class 3 – Year 5 and Year 6 will be a bubble of 25 children, with Mr Petts and sometimes Mrs Costello.
- Mrs Bacon will continue to cover interventions in the mornings, then PPA cover in the afternoons including Forest School.

The bubbles would all have breaktime at the same time, but the grounds will continue to be split into 3 zones the same as we are running now. This means that whilst the bubbles cannot mix, they can still shout to each other and see each other.

Lunch will remain as a hot take-out menu, which is being run very successfully at the moment, and the children can then eat in their outside zones or at the desks in their classrooms.

Instead of having staggered drop off times, we will mark the playground out so that all the children have a spot to stand on. This has worked very well so far this term. School times would therefore revert back to 8.55 until 3.15pm. Unfortunately, parents are still not allowed onto the grounds in September. **Please can I take this opportunity to ask that parents try not to congregate in the pub carpark as we have had a few near misses with the children running around recently.** It would be dreadful if a child got knocked over for the sake of moving down to the pavilion etc.

The children would go back to wearing school uniform every day, as the new guidelines state that cleaning of clothes if not an issue from September. All the bubbles would try to utilise the outdoor space as much as possible with trips to the Pavilion being utilised as well. Obviously all the cleaning routine and hand sanitation stations will stay in use.

After our Governor's meeting last night, the Governors have agreed to a slightly staggered start at the beginning of term. We will have INSET days on Wednesday 2nd September and Thursday 3rd September, then the children come back for Friday 4th, to get an idea as to what school will be like. School from Monday 7th would be in their current classrooms with their current teachers, getting used to the new routines and layout of classes etc. On Monday 14th September, all the children will then transfer into their new classrooms and teachers if applicable.

Reception new starters will have the choice of starting on Friday 4th September with everyone else, or taking the following week as a small transition week and starting properly on Monday 14th September. Either way if fine with school.

I hope this all sounds like a plan. Any questions, please feel free to email either myself or Beccy.

For the next few weeks, if the weather stays fair, we will be doing activities down at the pavilion which I will text out to all the families who are not currently in school. Please feel very welcome to send your child/ren and get some socialisation going. I am so sorry that it cannot be more.

Warm regards,

Leonie