

## Academy Opening for More Children 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I know that all of you will have concerns about whether to send your child back to school when the government recommends it. As a parent of a primary aged child I too share those worries. I am, therefore, writing again to give you some more information on how we will be organising Kingfisher Hall for learning when we open the school for Year 1 children on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and then for Reception and Year 6 on June 8<sup>th</sup> and show you what measures we have put in place to ensure we maintain social distancing as much as possible.

### When is it recommended for my child to return to school?

- If your child is in **year 1**, they should come to school from **Tuesday 2nd June**.
- If your child is in **Reception and Year 6**, they should come to school from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**.
- If your child is in years **N, 2, 3, 4 or 5**, they should **remain at home** until further recommendations from the Government. Home learning will continue for your children.

### Safety Measures

The school takes the safety of your children and the safety of our staff very seriously. Over the past few weeks we have all been working very hard to carry out detailed risk assessments and put in place all possible measures to ensure everyone's safe return to school and school based learning.

#### In the Classroom

- Reduce class sizes to a maximum of 15 pupils to ensure social distancing can take place.  
This may mean that your child is not taught by their usual class teacher or teaching assistant. We will try to pair children with their own class teacher whenever possible.
- Each new class will be seen as a "protective bubble" and will not mix with any other pupils or staff in the school.
- There will not be the normal lunchtime break. Each class will have breaks throughout the day with the children and staff in their "bubble" and there will be many outdoor learning opportunities.
- Within Y1 and Y6 children will be sat in their own seat and be given their own equipment to use.
- Reception children will work in mini bubbles within the class and will play/learn with only a few children at any one time. All Reception equipment will be removed and disinfected after use.

- All classroom equipment used will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day.
- Each class has their own supply of disinfectant and all surface will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Each classroom has now been equipped with hand sanitiser dispensers and hourly hand sanitising schedules to ensure children are washing their hands regularly.
- Each child will have their own tissues
- Each classroom now has a pedal bin for waste disposal without the need to touch anything.
- Posters will be on display reminding the children of the new rules.
- Children will not be allowed to work or play with other children other than from a safe distance.

## Curriculum

- Children will be taught maths, reading and writing from the National Curriculum in the morning.
- The afternoon will be spent on creative learning and outdoor learning.

## Movement Around School

- Children will not have access to the corridor during the day unless they need medical attention or use the corridor and stairs to access the playground.
- Each bubble will be allocated an outdoor learning space and encouraged to use this for both play and outdoor learning.
- All communal areas such as corridors have been adapted to show the 2-metre rule.
- The staff room will be closed and the hall will be used as a staffroom in order for us to maintain social distancing.
- All photocopiers will have disinfectant wipes so they can be cleaned after each use.

## Lunchtime

- Each bubble will have an allocated outdoor play time. This will be supervised to ensure children stay apart and play safely.
- Children who select a school lunch will be provided with a packed lunch. This will be delivered to their classroom.
- All lunches will be eaten at the child's individual desk or space in the classroom.

In order for us to ensure social distancing is effective in school and around school we need to work in partnership with you and we ask that you follow our expectations for drop off, pick up and your travel arrangements to and from school.



## Drop Off

- The school day will be from 8:30 to 3:00pm
- The school gates will be open from 8:15 to 8:40 for drop off.
- There will be no breakfast club.
- A member staff will be standing on each gate to support with social distancing and direct your child to their classroom.
- Only one parent should drop their child off at school – please leave siblings at home wherever possible
- parents walking to school must respect social distancing and stand 2 metres apart. Some marking around school will support with this.
- On your travel to school you **MUST NOT** meet up with other families.
- You must bring your own child and stay 2 metres apart. Follow the floor markings

## Pick Up

- Only one parent should collect their child from school – please leave siblings at home wherever possible
- Please respect social distancing and be prepared to wait until you are asked to enter the playground.
- All parents will collect their children from the usual playground unless otherwise advised. Please stand by the classroom door, taking into consideration the 2 metre marks.
- Your child will be called and you will exit through the normal gate.
- There will be no after school child care facilities.

## School uniform

- Please send your child to school in uniform. The usual uniform standards apply. Uniforms should be in good condition and regularly cleaned. If this presents a problem, for example, if you do not have enough uniform items for the child to wear while others are being washed, then other clothes of their own are acceptable.

## Medical

- Our medical officer in school will have full PPE to wear in the event of any child displaying symptoms. If this happens they will be taken to an isolation area and collection will be organised.
- Please note: **Any child displaying symptoms of COVID 19 will not be allowed back to school until they have been tested and it is negative or until they have been symptom free for 14 days**
- **All the staff and children in that bubble will be sent home to self-isolate until the results from the child's test are given to the school. If your child shows symptoms it is imperative, therefore, to get tested immediately.**



Clearly this is a very difficult time for everyone and you will be wrestling with the decision as to whether you send your child back to school or to continue with home learning. I hope that this letter has reassured you that the school is taking all possible measures to ensure the school is as safe as possible for the children and staff to return in June. **Please note that attendance is not compulsory and the government says parents will not be fined if you chose not to send your child to school. Home learning will continue to be provided by your child's teacher even if that year group has been invited back into school.**

### Key Worker

If you are a key worker and your child is not in YR, Y1 or Y6 they will still be able to attend school. Each primary school will be open for key worker children and your child should attend their own school setting if you require it. Children will be placed in a key worker bubble and will be allocated a teacher and teaching assistant.

If you chose not to send your child back to school, you must continue with the home learning that will be provided through DB Primary. If you change your mind and want your child to come back at a later point you will need to inform the school office. **Please be aware that your child will not start immediately as the school will need to make arrangements for their safe re-entry into school.**

We have really missed our children and our wider family and are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Kind Regards

Matt Clifford  
Headteacher

