

July 2020

Dear Parents / carers,



I wanted to give you an update for what we have planned for September. You may have seen the recent guidance from the government with an expectation that all children should return to school and therefore, that is what we have planned for. However, with Coronavirus still very much part of our lives, we are having to make some tough decisions to keep everyone safe. I understand that not all decisions will be popular, but I assure you it is the best course of action under the current circumstances. Therefore, with the backing of the Multi-Academy Trust and the Local Academy council, arrangements for summer / September are:

- **School will be completely closed over the summer and will not operate for key worker / vulnerable children.** Staff have worked hard this year and deserve a proper break. Some staff such as cleaners, kitchen staff and the caretaker have not had a break since the pandemic began. Therefore, to ensure everyone is refreshed and ready to go for September, the school will be completely closed over the whole summer.
- **School has signed up families who are eligible for Free School Meals to the School Voucher system.** These vouchers will be emailed out to families over the summer period. More details on this to follow to those specific families. This does not include all KS1 and EYFS children who are eligible for a free meal during term time.
- **All children are expected to return to school in September.** We currently in the process of going through all the guidance released by the DFE to ensure that we are continuing to provide a safe and secure environment for the children and these are likely to include measures such as: children sat facing the front and in tables of two (apart from EYFS where it is not a requirement), children continuing to operate in a bubble (although this will be a bubble of up to 30 children instead of 15), bubbles continuing to operate in isolation and not mixing with other bubbles at all.
- **School will continue to operate on a staggered start and exit time.** We will continue to have a group 1 and a group 2 and the timings for these groups will be:  
Group 1 (Classes A, C, E, G, I and L) - 8:30am – 2:50pm (break at 10am, lunch at 12pm)  
Group 2 (Classes B, D, F, H, J and K) – 9:00am – 3:20pm (break at 10:30am, lunch at 12:45pm)  
Additionally, classes will continue to enter and exit the building at the front / side of the building to ensure we are controlling the amount of people on site and movement around the building. Every effort has been made to ensure that siblings are in the same group to ensure parents not having to make two drop offs / pick-ups.
- **Children will continue to go home at lunchtime on a Friday** for the Autumn Term to allow the school to have an extra deep clean. Group 1 will leave at 12pm and Group 2 will leave at 12:30pm. Children having a school meal will be offered a hot grab bag on this day. This will be reviewed at the end of the Autumn Term.
- **Children should be brought to school/collected from school (if not walking themselves) by one person** and you are asked to ensure that you are observing social distancing, following the signage regarding movement around the school and not staying on site once your children have been collected. Senior staff will be moving parents on if this is observed. **The car park will be locked and inaccessible to all vehicles between 8:15am and 9:15am and also between 2:40pm and 3:35pm.**
- Due to the bubble system still being in operation, **Busy Kids will continue to be closed** until such a time that we are able to have children from different bubbles in the same room. Likewise, there will be no after school clubs such as multi-sports etc. running either. This will be reviewed at the end of the Autumn Term.
- All advice from the government regarding more frequent than usual handwashing etc. will be adhered to. **Children will be encouraged to wash their hands more frequently than normal** and all good hygiene systems will be promoted and encouraged such as 'catch it, bin it, kill it!'
- **The Curriculum next year will be a recovery curriculum.** It will heavily be based on children revisiting and catching up with schooling missed in the Summer Term 2020 and ensuring their mental health and well-being is being prioritised. Children will continue to have a daily exercise programme and will also have a daily PSHE lesson. Each class



(other than EYFS which will have a normal EYFS routine running) will have a daily timetable which will be very similar to :

Group 1

8:40-9am	9 – 10am	10 – 10:15am	10:20 – 10:40am	10:40 – 11am	11am – 12pm	12 – 12:45pm	12:45 – 1pm	1 – 1:20pm	1:20 – 1:50pm	1:50 – 2:50pm
Phonics / Spelling	English	Fresh Air Time	Reading	Arithmetic	Maths	Lunch Time	ERIC	PSHE	Daily Exercise	Topic

Group 2

9:10-9:30am	9:30 – 10:30am	10:30 – 10:45am	10:45 – 11:05am	11:05 – 11:25am	11:25am-12:25pm	12:25 – 12:45pm	12:45 – 1:30pm	1:30 – 1:50pm	1:50 – 2:20pm	2:20 – 3:20pm
Phonics / Spelling	English	Fresh Air Time	Reading	Arithmetic	Maths	ERIC	Lunch Time	PSHE	Daily Exercise	Topic

Topic will be a mix of History, Geography, Science, Art, Computing, RE and DT. Swimming will not be on the curriculum next academic year.

- **The office is open but you are asked to limit contact with office staff to emergency contact** to reduce time spent on the school site. All current ways of communicating with the school are still accessible.
- **Children will need to be in school uniform** and normal school rules on behaviour, attendance etc. will apply.
- **Hot lunch options will be back from September.** The kitchen will be back to full capacity in September. Hot meals will be back on the menu and ordering as usual through School Grid. As a reminder, all Reception and KS1 children are eligible for a free meal.
- Children are asked to bring no more than one bag to school each day. This could contain: their reading book / reading diary, pencil case, lunchbox (if sandwiches).
- **If we have a localised / bubble lockdown, the school has developed a plan to go back to remote learning.** This will be an extension of how we have been working recently and will include: Zoom calls with the class teacher, work set on the website with links referencing websites such as Oak Academy, BBC Bitesize, Purple Mash etc.
- **If a child is showing signs of Coronavirus** (continuous cough, temperature, loss of taste), we have thermometers in school to take a temperature. If a child has symptoms, **the child will need to go home and be tested for Coronavirus.** If that test is positive, the whole of the bubble (all children and staff) will need to isolate for 14 days. If the test is negative, the child can return to school when they're feeling better. Additionally, it is imperative that the whole school community adheres to the Test, Track and Trace system in operation.

As a staff we have been overwhelmed with the amount of resilience that the children have shown in adapting to our new routines and we know they will continue to show that resilience next academic year. I'm sure that you are aware that all arrangements are subject to change as and when new guidance comes out from the government and we will continue to do our best to communicate this to you well in advance of children starting. Can I end by saying a massive thank you to you for the support you have given the school this year. It has been the strangest of years with the most difficult of decisions having to be made, but your support for the school, the staff and the children has kept us going. Thank you!

As always, if there is anything within this letter you would like to discuss with me, please feel free to email, phone or see me on the playground.

Kindest regards,

Mr. Williams