

5 June 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Wider re-opening of school

The Governors met last night and approved a start date for a phased reopening as follows:

Week beginning 8th June:

- Continuing to invite all children on our Key Worker List
- Also inviting all of our EYFS children back

Week beginning 15th June:

Also planning to invite all of our Year 1 children back. However, this is contingent on the successful
operation the week before and staffing capacity. We currently have 6 teachers self-isolating due to
vulnerabilities so this is a challenge. Confirmation of this whether we re-open to Year 1 children will
be emailed towards the end of next week.

On Friday, school will finish at lunch time to allow a deeper clean of the school.

All children invited back to school will be emailed later today with instructions on how to start school, which bubble they are in and what time their bubble will start and end. <u>It is vitally important that you help us, by carefully reading and following the instructions, and arrive at school at the correct entrance and the correct time for your bubble for drop off and pick up.</u> It is the only way we can safely manage the collection and handover of children.

We are keeping Google Classrooms running for children in Years 2 to 6 as they have been to date. For children in EYFS and Year 1, we plan to continue to use Google Classrooms to schedule work. We will be putting work online similar to the work that EYFS and Year 1 children will be doing in school. However, we do not have the staff capacity to run real classes in school and also mark and respond to online classrooms for these 2 year groups.

We fully understand how disappointing and upsetting it is for those of you not being invited back in. We feel for you and your children and are truly sorry that we cannot do more. As it is, we are inviting back a total of 212 children in 15 bubbles. We have worked extremely hard over the past 4 weeks to plan and prepare for this and to do it safely. It has been a huge physical and logistical challenge. The whole school team have worked non-stop to make this possible. Unfortunately, we simply do not have the space nor the staffing to invite any further pupils back at present. We, along with you, await the Government's direction for how and when schools will open further.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sean Smith Headteacher