

29th May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Confirmation of School Reopening - June 2020

This letter is a follow-up to the information sent home last Friday to confirm that following the Prime Minister's announcement last night, we will be reopening Bovington Academy to children in Reception and Year 1 on **Tuesday 2nd June 2020**.

Aspirations Academy Trust has asked that Monday 1st June be used to ensure that the school site is suitably prepared, in line with Government guidance, ready for the wider opening. Other essential staff training such as the use of PPE (for first aid staff) will also take place on this day. Normal online home learning will be provided. The school will remain open to the children of key workers and those children classed as vulnerable.

We are currently working hard to make the necessary arrangements for us to be able to open as soon as possible for children in Year 6 too. We hope to be able to update you in relation to this matter by next Wednesday. The Year 6 team will continue to provide online home learning and can be contacted at any point via the dedicated year group email address.

The plan for reopening has been based on the number of survey replies where parents and carers had confirmed that their child would definitely be returning. Children have been placed into 'bubbles' of 8 children with dedicated members of staff. These groups will not change during the week. This is a safety measure put in place to limit the transmission of the virus. Any parent or carer who has changed their mind, since the original survey was issued, and would now like their child to return to school will need to notify the school office and wait for confirmation of a place. We will aim to respond within 24 hours but this might be affected by group organisation and staffing capacity. It is possible that we will reach capacity and so be unable to accommodate all children whose parents would like them to return.

Tapestry will remain in place for any child in Reception who will not be returning and this will continue to be monitored by Miss Cutler. Our KS1 teachers are planning to make hard copy home learning packs available for any child in Year 1 not returning next week. Please email your child's class teacher and school office if you would like to arrange collection of a home learning pack. Now that

lockdown restrictions are easing, we would ask that all hard copy packs are returned to school so that they can be marked. Thank you for your support with this.

Key information for all those planning to return

1. School uniform must be worn with the exception of ties and blazers and washed at the end of each day.
2. No book bags, PE kits or items from home brought into school.
3. 1 parent only to drop off and pick up.
4. Walk to school where at all possible.
5. Try to avoid bringing siblings to school at drop off and pick up times, if at all possible.
6. No face masks to be worn in school.
7. All children must bring a labelled, pre-filled water bottle to school.
8. We will be operating a one-way system for arrivals and collections. Reception parents and children are asked to use the gate at the far end of the car park for arrivals and then drop off at the Reception entrance / Library door. Parents should then exit by the main barrier. All other parents and children are to use the normal pathway, drop off at the main gate and follow the exit markings on the floor.
9. Please note that we are unable to run the minibus and cannot provide breakfast or after school club at this present time.
10. Key worker children are asked to bring sun hats, sun cream and workbooks (if in Y2)

Lunch

Children in Reception, Year 1 or those in receipt of Pupil Premium will be provided with a packed lunch. Those children attending the key worker group will need to bring their own lunch as normal.

| Year Group | Arrival Time | Collection Time | Arrival / Collection Point |
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| Reception | 9:15am | 2:30pm | Reception Entrance (by the Library) |
| Year 1 | 9:00am | 3:00pm | Main Gate |
| Key Workers / Vulnerable Children | 8:45am - 3:15pm (Shift / rota details to be shared with the office) | | Main Gate |



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For those families returning next week, please don't forget to complete the new home school agreement using the link sent out. This will be required to be signed off using the Google Form prior to your child returning. If you need any assistance with this, please phone or email the school office. We will also be launching our revised behaviour policy to help support children settling back into school under the new and different circumstances.

We look forward to seeing more of you in school next week - it will feel very different but hope that seeing lots of familiar faces will help!

We'd like to thank you for your continued support and will keep you up-to-date with any new developments as we get them.

Wishing you a lovely weekend ahead.

Mrs V Maslin & Mr N George
Co Acting Principals