

22nd May 2020

**Y1 Reopening - Monday 1st June 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, we want to thank you for your support and patience during the past weeks of enforced closure during this very difficult time.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 1st June. As we are sure you can imagine, school will be a little bit different for all of us when we return, but we have had to make these changes to keep our children, staff and community as safe as possible.

The purpose of this letter is to give you more specific information regarding the Year 1 children who will be returning on Monday 1st June and also for those who will not be returning on that date.

Upon returning to school, the children will be split into groups, which we are calling 'bubbles'. Each 'bubble' will have a maximum of 8 children and the children will stay in these 'bubbles' as long as the social distancing guidelines stand. We have had to put these measures in place, so we are able to keep the children, staff and wider community as safe as possible.

Each 'bubble' will be based in one of the classrooms, but this may not be your child's 'normal' classroom. However, as much as possible, we will be basing ourselves in our Key Stage One unit, but once the number of children returning to school increases, we may have to use other classrooms around the school. We have arranged desks so that each child has their own individual desk separated by the maximum distance that we are able to achieve. The 'bubbles' will be led by a team of KS1 Teachers, LSAs and HLTAs. The adult/s who is leading each 'bubble', will teach them for a week at a time and then the following week, will be led by a different adult. Throughout the day, we will be making sure that we keep the 'bubbles' separate for everyone's safety, so during break and lunchtimes, the 'bubbles' will be playing in different areas in the school grounds. However, please note that the outdoor play equipment (pirate ship, adventure play, etc) will be out of bounds.

During the day, we intend to teach the normal timetable as much as possible. Phonics, English and maths lessons will continue in the morning much as they did in the past but with less paired and group work. In the afternoons, we will be learning about our new topic 'Marvellous Me', as well as doing lots of PSHE and wellbeing, art and design sessions. We will be hoping to take the 'bubbles' outside as much as possible during the day to do outside learning. Also, on a Tuesday and Thursday, we will be doing PE in the afternoons, so please may we ask that your child comes to school in their PE clothes and trainers on those days.

Your children will be given all of the equipment they will need to complete their learning in school, so please may we ask that you send your child to school with minimal equipment.

Please **do not** send your child to school with:

- a pencil case
- toys
- show and tell
- bag

Please **send** your child to school with:

- a sunhat
- a packed lunch (if they usually bring one)
- a small pot of suncream (please where possible, may we ask that you have already applied an 'all day' sun cream. This will just help to minimise the amount of objects that can be touched.)
- a named and pre-filled water bottle. This will be extremely important, as we are now not allowed to use the water fountains or have drinking cups in our classrooms. This is vital to help us stop the spread of germs.

If you decided for your child, not to return to school on Monday 1st June, then you will be able to pick up a hard copy pack for their Home Learning, from the school office, during the first week back (WC 01/06/2020). As we are back and teaching in school, we will no longer be uploading Home Learning for them to do online.

Lastly, we would just like to thank you again for all of your support during this time. We hope you are all safe and well and we are looking forward to seeing the children's smiley faces back at school soon!

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to phone or email the school office.

Take care and stay safe!

Many Thanks,

Miss Brown, Mrs Drake and Mrs Brunskill