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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Covid-19 update - Wider re-opening of schools

Next week, as planned, we will be opening the school to Year 6 pupils, in addition to children of key workers. Please note that this return to school will not be *school as normal* and it is important that you are fully aware of the new arrangements and expectations:

- Children in Year 6 will be invited to attend from **Monday to Thursday for morning sessions only** to begin with.
- Bubbles will have staggered start times between 8.55 and 9.45 and end times between 11.10 and 12.00.
- Parents will not be permitted entry to the school site.
- 1 parent to drop off child at the KS2 yard gate.
- Children will have their temperature checked on entry (if a child is showing symptoms of Covid-19 – high temperature, persistent cough or loss of taste/smell, you will be asked to take them home)
- Children will be placed in 'bubble' groups of between 6 and 9 pupils. This is dependent on space.
- Once children are allocated to a bubble they will stay in that bubble for the rest of the term.
- Each bubble will have a teacher; it will not be your child's usual teacher.
- They will not be in their regular classroom.
- Each bubble group will stay together for the whole time; they will have set comfort breaks and handwashing times. There will be no mixing of children in different bubbles.
- Social distancing measures will be in place across the school and will be reinforced throughout the day
- Children will wash their hands, on entry and throughout the day.
- Casual clothing to be worn – please bear in mind that children will be going outside during the day, we also request that clean clothes are worn each day.
- Children will be allocated a desk and provided with a resource pack.
- Children may only bring a water bottle and reading book.
- Children will be following the same learning pack as those children who remain at home (posted on class blogs weekly).
- On their return to school, teachers will explain the new rules to children and run through important health and safety procedures with them; fire drill, behaviour policy expectations, handwashing and hygiene.

Please note that if your child deliberately ignores the rules regarding social distancing, handwashing and hygiene, they will not be allowed to remain in school.

This return is intended to try and support children to get back into school routines but it will be very different to what we are used to.

In order to plan the bubble groups and allocate staff, we need to know exactly who will be returning to school and who is not. **You will be contacted by phone over the next couple of days and asked to indicate whether or not your child will be returning on Monday 15th June.** Please note that you are not able to pick and choose random days – registers will need to be drawn up and, for safeguarding and health and safety reasons, children will be expected to be in school, at the allocated times each day. If they do not attend, you are expected to follow normal absence procedures and inform school.

As the organisation and planning of the bubble structure is so tight, **you will not be able to change your decision within the first three weeks.** During those three weeks, up to 3rd July, we will be constantly evaluating and reviewing the system and considering ways in which we may re-open more widely. As soon as further information regarding other year groups is decided, you will be informed.

All children will continue to receive learning packs via the class blogs on a weekly basis and teachers will be reviewing the learning that children post or email and what they are doing on the online platforms (Reading Buddy, MyMaths and TT Rockstars). As teachers will also be responsible for supervising bubble groups their response time may be delayed due to an increased workload; please bear this in mind if you are awaiting a reply from school.

Thank you once again for your continued support and co-operation; I appreciate that for Year 6 parents, this may be a difficult decision to make, rest assured that there is no right or wrong decision and school will continue to support you whatever option you choose.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Jennifer M Gill (Headteacher)