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Dear Parents and Carers

On **Monday 15th June** we will be increasing our numbers of children in school and welcoming back the Y6 children, as well as continuing the provision for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. We have taken account all of the information and guidance that has become available to us from the DFE and used this to carry out a risk assessment of the situation at the current time. We will review the school position regularly and if we feel we can do so safely, children from the remaining year groups specified by the government (EYFS and Y1) may be invited back before the end of the summer term. Our plans for the Y6 phased return are outlined below:

Arrival and Departure:

Please arrive at school at 8.40. Only 1 parent should accompany their child. Please come through the bottom gate where a member of SLT will greet you. There will be 2m markings in this zone (just like the supermarkets). The staff will let the children in gradually, so there is not a queue in school as they wash their hands. The children will come through the same gate at the end of the day at the normal time (3.20 pm. Parents and carers are not able to come into school without a prior appointment. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please contact the office to arrange this.

What to bring:

- Children will need to wear their school uniform as far as possible. Clothing must be kept clean and fresh.
- They will need to be in footwear that is suitable for physical activities outside and will not change for these sessions. This means that we can avoid any changes of footwear or clothing at the current time.
- Children should bring only what is essential - this will be a packed lunch and named water bottle. The packed lunch should preferably be in packaging that can be disposed of (i.e.

preferably a bag rather than lunch box). A packed lunch school meal service will be in place if you would like to purchase this daily or if your child is eligible for FSM.

- Children should not bring bags, pencil cases or any other personal items to school and the children will not be bringing items/work home from school.

Groups/Bubbles

The government has acknowledged that, unlike older children and adults, primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2m apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to school, they have taken this into account. Schools have therefore been instructed to minimise contact and mixing during the day.

- Children will be placed within a small group. Once in that group they will stay there and not mix directly with children in other groups.
- Each group will have a teacher and teaching assistant. These may not be the ones that they usually work with.
- The children will be put into small groups of no more than 8. We will do our best to group children in a way to make them feel as comfortable as possible given the constraints that we are working within, but it will not be possible to accommodate any requests or to maintain all friendship groups.
- Children will stay in these groups (bubbles) for break time and lunch time also. Other groups may be on the playground at the same time but groups will be in different zones and this will be closely supervised. This is a key part of the guidance we have been given in order to minimise/control any potential spread of infection.
- Some bubbles will attend the week beginning **15th June** and some will attend the week beginning **22nd June** on a week on week off rota. Staff will be in touch this week with all the Y6 families.
- The school will close at lunchtime on Fridays. This is necessary to provide a safe and healthy response to this phase of wider opening and to ensure that we can continue to operate safely. This time is currently essential for safety briefings, health and safety reviews, more thorough cleaning and liaison/preparation for adults trying to manage both on and off site workloads effectively for all children. Children eligible for FSM can take home a grab a bag.

Other safety measures

- Children will have a table within their group and they will occupy this space each day.
- Desks will be 2M apart.
- Contact points and high touch areas will be clean throughout the day
- Handwashing will happen at the beginning and end of each session, as well as on arrival at school – this is seen as the most important preventative measure to spreading the virus
- Access to toilets and handwashing will be supervised to ensure safe numbers and spacing
- Resources and soft furnishings have been stored away to reduce the likelihood of contact; unnecessary resources and equipment will be unavailable for children to use
- Any resources used will be cleaned at the end of the day
- Movement around the building will be minimal and closely supervised

- Reading books are not able to be taken between home and school at the moment
- Children with long hair to tie their hair up

Clothing

We asking all children to wear school uniform, however we are aware that this could be difficult for some families. In order to support stringent hygiene measures, it is essential that children come to school in clean clothes every day, and that these clothes are removed and set aside for washing as soon as they get home. This increase in laundry might mean that children cannot wear school uniform every day, and that is fine. Long hair must be tied back to reduce the need to touch the face.

Curriculum

Children's learning will have a focus on physical activities and activities to support emotional well-being and good mental health. Additional staff will be available to support children as necessary. The wider curriculum will be introduced gradually and when we feel it is appropriate. Online learning will continue for all children that are at home, including those in Y6 that are not attending that week.

Transition to secondary school

Unfortunately we have no further information on how this will be facilitated by our secondary colleagues at the moment but we are continuing to liaise with them to share information that will help them to understand your child's needs, strengths and interests. We will ensure that you are kept up to date with any arrangements made, whether your child is attending or not.

Please be aware that this is a very transient period and so arrangements will change and may be updated at any point. Our whole team of staff here will be working tirelessly to ensure that the health, safety and wellbeing of the children is the central focus of what we do.

We're really looking forward to seeing the children again as we have missed them. We do understand that the decision whether or not to send your child to school is a difficult one and that each household has different circumstances therefore we will support your individual decisions.

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Hannan Mohammed

Head of School