11/06/2020

Dear Y1,

This week we opened for our Y6 children. Our next step of reopening is for our Y1 children.

We will open for Year 1 on Monday 22nd June. We will be offering a transition hour to the Y1 children on Friday the 19th June so they can see the classrooms and meet their group.

School will look different to how it was before and in this letter I will set it out for you. It doesn’t really read like a normal letter that I would send but these are different times and I have to be completely open with you so that you are aware. Everything that we have done follows government guidance and is to keep the children and adults as safe as we can. There is no compulsion to send your child back, we will not be measuring attendance.

* We have split Y1 into 4 groups – these groups will remain together until advice says otherwise and they will not mix.
* Each group will have a separate start time. If you are late for your allotted start time you cannot be admitted as this would mean groups mixing.
* Each group will have a familiar teacher or a teaching assistant from Y1 in it.
* You will have to queue along our fence at 2 metre intervals – there will be markings to help. Mrs Seaborn will also be there to help.
* We must ask you parents, if you do choose to send your child back, that you are maintaining the appropriate measures at home. This is a sensitive time for the whole country and we don’t want to have to lockdown again.
* If your child or any member of your household show symptoms of Covid 19 then you must stay at home and isolate for 14 days. Tests are freely available now through the government website.
* If your child gets ill while in school you will need to pick them up as quickly as possible. They will be isolated from the group and dealt with by staff wearing PPE.
* School dinners will be a packed lunch which will either be eaten in class or outside, depending on the weather and served in disposable bags. If you want to bring your own lunch then we ask that you also use disposable bags.
* Uniform – we know that you will all have grown lots so we are relaxing our uniform rules. Please come to school in comfortable clothes that would be suitable for all activities and easily washed. Trainers will be ideal too. Hopefully we will be spending a lot of time outside so please don’t wear strappy tops as there will be lots of sun (I hope!) or open toed sandals – they are not safe for games outside.
* On a Friday you will pick up your lunch and go home for the afternoon. This is to ensure that we can properly clean down the school for the next week.
* The water fountain will not be operational so we are asking that you bring your own water bottle already filled from home and take it home every day to be washed and refilled.
* We will have a zero tolerance on any kind of misbehaviour, particularly virus related. If you cannot or will not follow our guidelines we will deem you to be safer at home and remove your place. We don’t want to have to do that!

I am sorry if this sounds very prescriptive but we are following government guidance. These are unprecedented times and we have to make the best of it until the guidance changes. We will be constantly reviewing these measures and if at any time things change we will let you know.

We also will have an amended behaviour policy for our time together, this is to ensure that we are all as safe as can be. These will be our rules:

• Stay in your group and in your place

• Keep your distance from everybody else

• Wash your hands regularly

• Follow directions around school

• Follow instructions from your teacher and other adults

• Bring nothing in from home

• Use a tissue - Catch it Bin It Kill It

• Do not use other children’s equipment

• Do not share food

Please read the attached document carefully for the details as they apply to your child.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again, really!

Jacqui Potts

Headteacher

**Group 1**

Staff: Mrs Dale and Mrs McGuiness

Timings:

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| Start | 8.30 |
| Finish | 2.00 |

Transition Friday 19th June 9:15am- 10:15 am

**Group 2**

Staff: Mrs Murray and Mrs Birnie

Timings:

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| Start | 8.40 |
| Finish | 2.10 |

Transition Friday 19th June 9:30am- 10:30 am

**Group 3**

Staff: Mrs Bills, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Tang

Timings:

Start 8.50

Finish 2.20

Transition Friday 19th June 9:45am- 10:45 am

**Group 4**

Staff: Mrs Alderson, Mrs Liversage and Mrs Dennis

Timings:

Start 9.05

Finish 2.35

Transition Friday 19th June 10:00am- 11:00 am

If you are going to send your child back to school please call the Infant Office before the 17th June so we are prepared for you.

Thank you,

Jacqui Potts