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FAO: PARENTS AND CARERS IN YEAR 1

Wednesday 27th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of **YEAR 1 CHILDREN**,

We are inviting year 1 back on Tuesday 2nd June. As Year 1 are our first cohort back it may take a few days to get the routines and structures working as well as possible so please do bear with us, I will keep you informed of any decisions and necessary changes to these decisions as quickly as possible.

Below are the points I listed in my letter on Friday. As I said school sadly will not be the way we all want it to be for a while but we will try and do our best given the circumstances to make the children feel as comfortable and secure as possible.

Hence:

- School will be open Mon-Fri for keyworker children
- School will be open **Mon-Weds only** for other pupils. We do not have the resources to offer full time education for the children given the criteria we have to work with. As guidance changes this may also change.
- There will be a maximum number of children we can have back in school at any one time. If we exceed this amount, we will operate a rota system.
- Each class of children will be split into two smaller bubbles.
- These bubbles will remain independent and will not mix.
- Each bubble will have its own teacher and support staff. We will try to make the staff as consistent as possible.
- We will not be serving any hot food.
- Packed lunches will be eaten in the classroom.
- Home learning will continue to be provided for those children who do not have the option to come into school. **Children invited back to school will no longer have home learning provided. It is the parent / carers responsibility to provide this.**
- Your child will have their temperature taken every day before they enter school.
- Some of the school staff will be wearing PPE – a facemask and gloves.
- We will do whatever we can to keep sensible distance between the children but cannot promise to keep the 2m guidance in place for the children.





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The main points in addition to this information are as follows:

- We will call you on Monday to let you know the time you are to drop your child off and collect your child. Drop off will either be **9.00 - 9.15** or **9.15 - 9.30**. Collection will be **3.00 - 3.15** or **3.15 - 3.30**. **Please only arrive in your time slot. This minimises the time parents and carers are outside the school and the chance of unnecessary contact.**
- You will be allocated a group. This will be either group 1 or group 2. Group 1 will stand on the pavement on Ponsonby Road just below the school gates. Markings will be on the pavement to indicate the required distancing. Group 2 will stand in the grounds of the church. Markings again will indicate the required distance. A member of staff will be on hand to ensure things run smoothly until people get used to the routine. Parents and carers will stand in the same place for collection in the afternoon.
- A normal week will be Monday – Wednesday. As we have an INSET day next Monday, the children will only be at school on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th.
- We will structure our learning around the wellbeing of the children for the first few days to help them re-adjust to the new school routines and restrictions.
- Please provide your child with a packed lunch if you normally pay for school lunches. Children of parents and carers that are eligible for free school meals will have a lunch provided.
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be on a rota so that the children do not mix with the other 'bubble' of children.

At this point, I feel this is enough information. We will call every parent / carer on Monday to allocate your group and finalise your arrangements for drop-off and collection if you are choosing to send your children in.

Sadly, as with all my correspondence at present this may all change if circumstances out of our control change. As ever I will let you know immediately if this is the case.

Many thanks for your continuing support. Stay safe.

Richard Woodfin
Headteacher

