PARENT LETTER – pupils who are already attending (key worker/vulnerable)

We are writing to you to outline what parents and pupils can expect when we open our gates to more children next month. We are currently aiming to do this on 8th June. However, please look out for any updated notices should anything change in the meantime due to the very fluid nature of this situation.

From 1st June we will begin to separate years 6, 1 and reception from their peers in years 2-5, in preparation for them joining returning pupils from their own year groups the following week. There will be some changing of rooms in the week beginning 1st June - please help us and them by preparing your child for this.

Returning to school:

ALL YEAR GROUPS From 8th June (subject to change):
Our already attending children (key worker/vulnerable) need to continue to arrive between 8.30am and 8.45am
Year 6 children need to arrive between 9am and 9.15am
Year 1 children need to arrive between 9.30 and 9.45am
Reception children need to arrive between 9.45 and 10am

YEAR 6 AND VULNERABLE/KEY WORKER PUPILS From 8th June (subject to change):
Year 6 children are to be collected at 3pm (please let us know if you wish for your child to walk home alone)
Vulnerable/key worker children continue to be collected at 3.15pm

PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE ON SITE EARLIER THAN YOUR ALLOCATED TIME – we are trying to prevent crowds of parents gathering on site and allow people to maintain social distancing of 2 metres.

1. Your child will be taught in the same classroom with the same group of peers every day, and will have access to the same outdoor space – which will be separate from the other groups in school. Key worker/vulnerable children are going to be working in the hub and the year 3 classroom.

2. When you arrive with your child at your designated time, you will see markers/cones set up along the path up towards the black pedestrian gate – please wait at a marker behind the person in front of you to ensure you are staying 2m apart. Pupils will then be met at the gate by a staff member and welcomed into school. No parents will be allowed onto the playground. The same routine will be in place for collection – again, at your designated time.
3. Please do not gather on the path or at the gate to talk to other parents–it is vital that social distancing is still maintained to try to keep everyone safe.

4. Following Government guidance, only 1 parent/carer can escort a child to/collect a child from school.

5. Water bottles need to be in school daily–but must go home for cleaning every day. This applies to lunchboxes too if required.

6. We will not be asking pupils to wear school uniform, as many of them may well have outgrown trousers etc. However, we would like them to wear a school jumper or cardigan, to help remind everyone that we need to follow the rules of the setting. The rest of their clothing should be comfortable and allowed to get a little dirty, as we will be outside for a lot of the time. It is vital that clothing is changed/washed before coming back to school the next day please. Children can wear trainers; or if they choose not to, will need to bring a pair with them each day for their physical activity. With the sunny weather we would also suggest you apply sun cream to your child in the morning, and send them in with a hat.

7. Children will be provided with their own stationary set and desk/chair to work from when inside.

8. Please do not let your child bring in any toys etc. from home. No bags are needed either–only a lunchbox, water bottle, trainers in a small bag, coat.

Precautions:

- If anyone has a cough/temperature/loss of smell or taste/feels unwell at school, they will be sent home. If you are contacted to ask you to collect your child, please do so as promptly as possible. They will then need to self-isolate for 14 days, or until tested negative for Covid-19.
- If a symptomatic child is waiting to be collected, they will be supervised in a separate room by staff wearing PPE, with the door closed and a window open. If this child/adult needs to go to the toilet before being collected, they will use a separate toilet and it will be thoroughly cleaned/disinfected afterwards before anyone else can use it.
- If a child or adult shows symptoms and tests positive for Covid-19, then the whole group that the child/adult was in will be sent home and must self-isolate for 14 days.
- If other cases are then also confirmed at the school, then PHE will advise the school on next steps/possible closure.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

➢ a new continuous cough;
➢ a high temperature;
➢ a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

And remember: Continue to promote good hygiene at home and at school, and be very clear about how good hygiene is important and will keep us all safe.

We hope that together, with all of this and more in place, we can reduce any risks to your child as much as possible–and we thank you in advance for your cooperation with these measures. If at any point your circumstances change and you no longer wish to send your child to school, or require different days, please let us know immediately so we can update our registers.