Tuesday 2nd June, 2020

RE: Wider opening of World’s End Infant and Nursery School

The Right to Good Health - Coronavirus Update

Article 24 – Children have the right to the best possible health
Article 28 – Children have the right to education.

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has confirmed that the conditions are right for schools to begin a gradual, wider opening for children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from the week beginning Monday 1st June. I shared with you previously that our intention was to start to open for more pupils in the week commencing 8th June.

Over the past few weeks we have worked hard to plan and make new arrangements according to the governments guidance. Our plans have been created based on the number of families who indicated that they would be willing for their child to attend, the staff we have available and the space within our setting. More details can be found in the parent information booklet that accompanies this letter and on our website under the ‘Key Information’ tab, COVID-19.

We are aiming to be open for more pupils from Tuesday 9th June, 2020. Staff and children, who we have agreed to attend, have been organised into 7 different bubbles to restrict contact and facilitate safe practices as much as we can. Each bubble will have a minimum of 2 members of staff and will be based in one area of school.

Nursery; is made up of two bubbles and they will be based within the Nursery.

Nursery Bubble A (NA): Full time children. Staff assigned to this bubble are Miss Killelay, Miss O’Halloran and Mrs Checkley-Brown.

Nursery Bubble B (NB): Part time children (A). Staff assigned to this bubble are Mrs Melbourne and Mrs Powell.

Reception; has two bubbles.

Reception Bubble A (RA): children from RBW. Staff assigned to this bubble are Mrs Puri, Mrs Taylor and Miss Holton. They will be based in RBW’s classroom.

Reception Bubble B (RB): children from RBP and RHW. Staff assigned to this bubble are Miss Willetts and Mrs Wakefield. They will be based in RHW’s classroom.

Year 1; is made up of two bubbles.

Year 1 Bubble A (1A) – children from 1AJ and 1H. Staff assigned to this bubble are Mrs Hayden and Miss Bain. They will be based in 2F’s classroom.

Year 1 Bubble B (1B) – children from 1I. Staff assigned to this bubble are Mrs Islam and Mrs Falcon. They will be based in 2ED’s classroom.

Key Worker Bubble – has now moved into 2CD’s classroom and the structure of our ‘care’ provision has had to change due to having more children within school. There is one bubble at the moment however our Keyworker and

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Vulnerable families will have priority therefore we will be able to create one other ‘bubble’ if required. If you are a keyworker and you have not required provision before but now require it please get in contact asap. You will need to inform us at least a week in advance so that we can ensure that the necessary measures are put in place to allow your child to attend.

For the safety of everyone, we have capped the number of children we can have in each bubble; this figure is based on the size of the room they are in and the guidance from the government. **Once these bubbles reach their maximum number we will not be able to accept anymore children; we simply do not have the staff or the space!**

For everyone’s safety, I must stress again that no child will be allowed to enter school unless we have confirmed their attendance in advance – they cannot just arrive at the gates on any day. You can of course withdraw your child from the provision at any point, but again you will need to communicate this clearly with us at school, giving as much notice as possible.

Parents play a crucial role in ensuring that our children and staff are as safe as possible, for this reason we have organised staggered drop off and collection times. Only one parent will be able to attend school. No social gatherings will be allowed. In conjunction with WEJS we have created a one-way system onto the school site. To enter the site parents and children will need to use the path that takes you up to WEJS main entrance. You will then enter the playground via the double gates. From here you can go to your designated drop off/collection point. You will be able to leave by using the steps or ramp that lead onto the path that takes you up to our main entrance. You are encouraged to stand apart and maintain social distancing; signs and colourful markers have been placed around the site as reminders. More information regarding the exact timings and locations etc can be found with the ‘Welcoming More Children Back to World’s End’ booklet provided.

We have also needed to create a Covid-19 Addendum to our Behaviour Policy and a Home School Agreement – these are available on our website and also accompany this letter. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support with this – it is essential that parents play their part in keeping our school family safe.

We understand that sending your child/ren back into school can generate some anxieties. We want to reassure you that, as always, we will do our best to look after your child/ren and the safety of them and our staff is our top priority. To support parents with this transition we have provided the ‘Welcoming More Children Back to World’s End’ booklet. To support your child/ren we have accompanied this letter with a ‘Coming back to school in a bubble!’ story. We have also placed lots of resources on our website including photographs of how our school looks at the moment and a PowerPoint you can share with your child; please go to the ‘Key Information’ tab, COVID-19 heading.

In these extraordinary times school will continue to keep you informed of any developments as soon as possible in accordance with national or local guidance. Thank you for your patience and continued support and your understanding of our difficult circumstances at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Wilford – Headteacher

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