

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wrote to you last week to start to lay out the plans for the children coming back. I apologise in advance that this letter is going to be information heavy and to the point. For me it is the best way to share our plans, and the best way for you to make as informed a decision as possible as to whether you send your child back to school. Please note the following is subject to ongoing risk assessments by school, advice from the government and possible union action.

In your letter, I am sending information only about your year group. The children in Year 6 are coming in on different days to Reception and Year 1 so there will be no crossover.

Across the week, we will still have our key worker children in. We only have a few spaces in this provision and as I said in my last letter, it is going to have to be based on a case by case basis.

As I am sending this out, you will also receive another google form to fill in. I would ask that you read this letter carefully and then let me know via the google form if you are going to send your child in after half term. The reason I ask you to do this is so that I can have a clearer picture of numbers and I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Year Six children will be in: Tuesday all day, Thursday all day.

Once we have numbers, you will be sent a start and home time for your child. We would encourage the children where possible to be lone travellers. Please confirm via the google survey that you give permission for your child to be a lone traveller.

Please note the time slots will be ten minutes and we ask you to support your child to be on time. The children will not be allowed on site before their time slot and will have to line up using the queuing system. So that you have an idea of the time slots,

Start times will be: 8:35 - 8:45, 8:45 - 8:55, 8:55 - 9:05

Home times will be: 3:10 - 3:20, 3:20 - 3:30, 3:30 - 3:40

I need to start by being very honest with you. Whilst we are going to make this experience as positive as possible for the children, school will be a very different place. As the children come in, I will greet them and then send them in one by one to their classrooms.

In the two days that the Year 6 children are at school, the focus of their learning will be on transition work. There may be some maths and english work included at points too. The traditional team building activities will not be possible. Whilst an end of year play will also not be possible, we will look at putting on some sort of leavers' assembly. With social distancing in place, this may well not be live.

The children will be split into three groups and where possible we will keep the children together in their classes for their last half term at school. However depending on numbers this may not be fully possible. There will be two classes of 11 and one class (in the hall) of up to 21. The children will be with a teacher and a teaching assistant for the day and will remain with them, with the exception of lunch time. The adults that they might be with are: Ms Lam and Ms Seddon, Ms Chaudhry and Mrs Wilkinson, Ms Burgess and Mrs Simon. All of the children will have the same teaching input from their teachers.

The children will remain within their group for play and lunchtime. Each room will have only the number of tables required in it. Each child will be given a table and a pack. The children

should not bring anything into school with them except a filled, named, water bottle when they come in - they will have everything they need in the packs. The children will be expected to stay at their desk for the duration of lessons. They will not be able to walk about the classroom. They will only be allowed to go to the toilet at break and lunchtimes and this will be on a 'one in, one out' system. Each day will be very structured. please again talk to your child about this and prepare them.

Playtimes and lunchtimes will not look the same. The children will have an allotted twenty minutes in the dining hall for lunch and they will stay in their seats, at their tables for this time, regardless of whether they have finished and are ready to go outside. School dinners will be a packed lunch version rather than a hot meal. If you want your child to have a packed lunch provided by the school (normal school dinner price) please indicate so on the google survey. The playground will be marked out and each child will have a 'bubble' that is their own. Their bubble will be 2m away from the next child's bubble and they will not be allowed to enter into any one else's. Please do talk to your child about this before they come back to school so that they are ready and understand.

Staff will not be wearing masks and gloves unless they are dealing with a child that is hurt in the medical room or have requested to do so. Children should not wear masks and gloves - there is no need for them to.

Classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned daily. During the day, all door handles, toilet flushes etc will be cleaned more often.

We are keeping the children in the same groups so that they do not mix with other children. This follows the guidance that has been given to us. Social gatherings are still prohibited and I would ask you that if your child is coming into school, that you are following the rules as set out by the government in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

If your child, or anyone in your household should develop symptoms, you must not send them into school and you must inform us immediately. As your child will be coming to school, they will be entitled to be tested (if they are the one with symptoms), so you will be able to contact your doctor to arrange this.

I would like to reiterate from last week that whilst we appreciate this is an unsettling time and that our part time model may not be easy for those with work commitments, given the number of children in our cohorts and the way our classes are split, there was no other feasible way of making this work under current requirements.

From the week of 1st June the Year 6 children will be in both the Tuesday and Thursday. The expectation will be that your child come to school on their allotted days. Please note that there will not be any penalty if your child does not attend, but we would expect a daily phone call to explain their absence. Home learning via Google Classroom will continue during this time for those not in and for the days where the children are not in school.

Some of your questions may not be covered in the above. In the survey to find out if you plan for your child to return to school, I have added a box so that you can add a comment or question. Where possible I will come back to you with the answers (unless they have already been answered above).

We are really looking forward to seeing you and your children again.

Kim Sanett

