

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 Reception and Year 1 are coming in on the same days but at different times so will not cross over. The children in Year 6 are coming in on different days to the others.

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.

Reception children will be in: Monday mornings, Wednesday mornings, Friday mornings.

Once we have numbers, you will be sent a drop off time for your child and a pick up time. Please note these will be ten minute slots and we ask you to be on time as two groups will join the queuing system at these times. So that you have an idea of these,

Drop off times will be: 8:35 - 8:45, 8:45 - 8:55, 8:55 - 9:05.

Pick up times will be: 11:40 - 11:50, 11:50 - 12:00, 12:00 - 12:10.

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. You will drop your child off at the front entrance of the school (only one adult from a family please) and an adult will take them from you and into their assigned class.

Mrs Tree is unfortunately unable to be on site during this time period. Whilst she is healthy, a member of her family is part of the vulnerable group that have been told to remain shielded. She is obviously very upset not to be coming in and wanted me to pass that on to you all. Along with Mrs Jedidi, Mrs Tree will be planning all of the work that the children in Reception do whilst in school.

The children will be split into five random groups and each will stay with one adult the whole morning. They will remain in this group, with this adult each time they come into school. With our Reception set up the way it is, we know that all of the children know each other so this isn't a problem. The adults that they might be with are: Mrs Jedidi, Mrs Merchant, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Mac and Mrs Sethi. All groups will be given the same teaching input and be doing the same activities, set by Mrs Jedidi and Mrs Tree.

I understand this will seem unsettling for the children and that is why we are telling you in advance so that you can familiarise them with these adults by going on the website <https://www.fouldsp.com/in-class-team>. You can look at the faces of the adults with your children and talk about them. They will have seen or worked with all of these adults in

school. We will also make sure that each of these adults have put a few stories on Tapestry so that they get to know them better that way too.

With five groups, the children will be split between five different classrooms. They will be in: Apple, Pear, Rowan, Birch and Maple. Each room will have nine tables in it. Each child will have 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 focus of the learning will be early reading, writing and maths. There will be some time where there will be learning through play, but the morning will be a lot more structured than how we would normally run (and would want to run) our Early Years.

The week of the 1st June there will be only two sessions for the Reception children - Monday and Wednesday morning. From June 8th they will then be in - Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

The children will have a break time and I would request that they bring their bikes or scooters in with them, as this is a great way for them to socially distance whilst having fun outside.

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.

We will not be offering Breakfast Club for the Reception children.

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.

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 Tapestry will continue during this time.

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).

I would just like to end with a comment about the Reception toilet roll film! Thank you all - I can promise you not one staff member was left with a dry eye after watching it! It was truly wonderful and put a much needed smile on everyone's faces, so thank you. I personally loved how you managed to get the school values in there!

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

Kim Sanett