



22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Dear Year R and 1 Parents,

As I am sure you are aware, the government have told primary schools to prepare for reopening on 1<sup>st</sup> June for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The government have informed us that the final decision about reopening will be made on 28<sup>th</sup> May when they have the necessary scientific evidence to support the plans to reopen schools. As soon as we know, you will receive a ParentPay email to confirm the opening date.

When we reopen, we will be creating 'bubbles'. Based on the conversations you have had with Mrs Roberts, the number of children returning to school means we will need to create two bubbles, one Year R bubble and one Year R/1 bubble. I understand this will be disappointing for you, but ensuring the numbers in each bubble are lower reduces risk. Reception will be taught by Mrs Roberts and Mrs Belgrove and Year 1 will be taught by Miss Allan and Mrs Button.

If in the future you change your mind and would like your child to return to school you will need to provide a minimum of one weeks' notice and then we will consider if we can offer your child a place. Children are expected to attend every session offered and if they miss a day they will not be able to return for the rest of that week. If children do not attend regularly, their place may be withdrawn. If you are using childcare elsewhere your child will not be able to attend school. Only the children and staff listed for that week will be able to enter into the bubble. The children will stay in their bubble and zoned areas for the entire week, children will not be able to enter into other bubbles at any point.

Listed below are the detailed plans which will be in place from 1<sup>st</sup> June in order to keep your child safe upon their return.

We will have a staggered start to the beginning and end of the day for each bubble. The children arriving for the YR/1 bubbles will have an **arrival slot from 9:15am to 9:30am**. The Year R bubble will enter through the **outside Swifts door** (in the courtyard) and the Year R/1 bubble will enter through the **school's front entrance**. The Reception and Year 1 bubbles will operate on a 4 day week (Monday to Thursday). The end of the day will be **3:00pm**. Children will need to be **collected between 3:00pm and 3:15pm**. Please be prompt with your arrival and collection and do not congregate outside of the school building. If you are early, please wait in your car until the specified times. Break times and lunchtime for each bubble will also be staggered and zoned so that bubbles do not mix.

Your child **must not** bring anything into school except for a water bottle and a snack. Children **must** have a water bottle as we will not be able to supply drinking cups, the drinking fountain will also be unavailable. Children **should not** wear school uniform and **will not** need PE kit, instead children can wear their own clothes (suitable for outside and physical activities), however they must be fresh, clean clothes each day.

Sadly, members of staff will not be able to stay outside for 'a chat' at drop-off or pick-up times so we ask that you communicate with the class teacher by email or by phoning the office.

It is crucial that we keep the bubbles a safe place for all, therefore if your child displays symptoms, please do not send them into school and follow government guidelines.

These are strange and difficult times and we appreciate your patience and support throughout this period. We understand that there will be a lot of anxiety for some children (and parents) as we begin to return to school. Teachers are planning lots of work on well-being and settling children back into school. If you or your child have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or Mrs Worrell. We are a 'team' and we will continue to support each other whether we are together or apart.

Kind regards,

*Louise Worrell*

Headteacher