



Friday 22nd May 2020

Phased re-opening plan

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further information on the phased opening of school to include Foundation, Year One and Year Six

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been working on a plan to reintegrate more children back in to school. We have been carefully working through the guidance from the DfE which has been slowly coming through for the past week and also taking time to undertake our own risk assessments.

The decision to return your child to school this term is yours and you will not be penalised if you decide to continue with home-learning. To support you with this decision, I have put together the enclosed “**Phased Re-opening Plan: information for parents**” booklet for you to read. The purpose of this document is to give you a clearer understanding of the approaches and measures that will be in place at our school which will help you to make a more informed decision.

As you can imagine, altering our provision, staffing structures, reorganising resources etc. takes a huge amount of organisation and planning. It is for this reason that I need to ask that once you have confirmed your decision to us that this decision is final. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 then a member of the school team will be in contact with you after the bank holiday weekend to ask you for your decision once you have had the chance to review the information book and had time to reflect, discuss and consider your position.

Please note that all the information that follows is entirely dependent on the government giving us the ‘go-ahead’ which they will not do until Thursday 28 May.

Please be aware that we intend to phase our Year 1 children back into school in the first instance and will plan for the Year 6 and Reception children to return at a later date. Again, knowing final numbers will help this process.

Timetable for reopening;

w/c 1st June 2020

During this week, we will be open to key worker children only. This week will otherwise be spent organising the classrooms and communal areas of the school to ensure that we make them as welcoming to the children as possible as well as ensuring that we have organised resources and removed all soft furnishings etc.

w/c 8th June 2020

With the full support of our school Governors, our school will reopen for Year 1 in the first instance. We will be moving forwards in a very controlled and cautious manner as everyone's safety is paramount. This provision will be carefully monitored and further provision planned to accommodate the other priority year groups of Year 6 and Reception.

Bubbles

In line with all the government guidance, we have risk-assessed our provision. The advice we have been given is to work in 'bubbles'. We feel that with our staffing numbers as they are, we are able to achieve a maximum of 7 bubbles with the current guidance. The bubbles will be the following:

Bubbles 1 / 2 – children of key workers will continue to have priority access to the school;

Bubbles 3 -7 – no more than 8 children in each;

Once I have an indication of how many children will be returning, the children will be split into groups. This will be done with careful consideration to friendship groups, but unfortunately cannot be guaranteed.

As soon as all families have confirmed their decision as to whether they will return their child or not, we will let you know your child's bubble as soon as we are able and any other useful/practical information. Please trust that we will place each child in the bubble we feel will best meet their needs.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jodie Flynn', is placed over a light blue rectangular background.

Mrs Jodie Flynn
Headteacher