



All pupils return to school arrangements

26th June 2020

Dear Parents /Carers,

In light of the government's recent decision to reduce the social distancing rule to 1m, we have reviewed and amended our risk assessment and we are now planning to open the school to all year groups from **Monday 6th July**. However, there is still an expectation that we will observe social distancing measures of 1+m between children and where possible 2m between adults. We are therefore planning to open in the following way:

- Each class will be split into two groups (pods) of 15 children maximum. Please note that this is a change to the current arrangement for year 6 where each pod has a maximum of 9 children to take in to account the current expectation of 2m social distancing.
- Each pod will attend school either in the morning or the afternoon for three days in the first week and four days in the second week. School will be closed on Fridays for cleaning and for teachers' planning, preparation and assessment time.
- Each session will be 3 hours long with a 15- minute break.
- There will be a staggered drop-off and pick-up time for each pod and each pod will be allocated a specific entrance to use to access the school site.

Class	Ghana	Morocco	Uganda	Bangladesh	Mongolia	Cambodia	Iceland	Czech Rep	Portugal	Ecuador	T &T	Canada
Start and finish times Pod A	8.45 – 11.45	8.55 - 11.55	9.00 – 12.00	8.45 – 11.45	8.55 – 11.55	9.05 – 12.05	8.45 – 11.45	8.55 – 11.55	9.05 – 12.05	8.55 – 11.55	9.05 - 12.05	8.50 – 11.50
Start and finish times Pod B	12.45 – 3.45	12.55 - 3.55	1.00 – 4.00	12.45 – 3.45	12.55 – 3.55	1.05 – 4.05	12.45 – 3.45	12.55 – 3.55	1.05 – 4.05	12.55 – 3.55	1.05 - 4.05	12.50 – 3:50

- Children will not mix with children from other pods whilst at school to keep the risk of any cross contamination between pods to a minimum.
- Children of key workers currently attending school can only be in one pod, so a choice will need to be made as to whether the child joins one of their class pods, or continues in the key worker pod which will continue to operate from 9am – 3pm from Monday - Friday
- The same adults will always work with each group of children.
- Home learning packs will not be provided for children that are not attending school. However, the school will signpost parents to websites where they can access work for their children.

In line with guidance from the government we have made a number of arrangements to ensure the safety of all the children and adults working in the building. These are summarised below:

- Regular handwashing will be implemented.
- Children will be given their own set of stationery to avoid sharing of resources.
- The classrooms will be organised so that children will have as much space around them as possible.
- Cleaning of the school site and of resources will take place between the morning and afternoon sessions. A deeper clean will take place every Friday.

Please note, in order to finalise our re-opening plans, we need to know how many children in each class will be returning to school from Monday 6th July.

- **Please complete this short survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RJSreturn> by Monday 29th June to indicate your decision.**
- If you have more than one child in the school, please complete the survey for each child.
- As arrangements will now change for year 6 children, parents of children in year 6 must also complete the survey.

I will write to you with more information next week and the updated risk assessment will be available on the school website from Friday 3rd July.

As you will, I hope, appreciate, the school becomes aware of updates in government guidance at the same time as you do. We continue to keep our risk assessment under review to ensure it complies with the available guidance so as to provide a safe environment for all children and staff at our school.

On another note, as we are now welcoming all children back to school the dates and times for our parent consultation sessions will now change to Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July. School will therefore be closed to all pupils, except the current key worker group, on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July. I apologise for the inconvenience that this change may cause. I will write to you again with more information about parents' evening.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

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