

### **I am concerned about social distancing in school—what will be in place for my child?**

We have taken into account the size of classrooms, the number of pupils and also the individual needs of pupils when considering social distancing in the classrooms. For this reason there is no fixed number of pupils per room however the groups are much smaller than they would normally be. Class sizes will not exceed 15.

- KS2 class sizes will be approx. 9 pupils per class, spread along the KS2 corridor, with an allocated teacher or TA.
- KS1 class sizes will be in groups of 15 separated along the KS1 classes with an allocated teacher or TA.
- Reception keyworker groups will be 7-8 pupils per session either AM-PM with an allocated teacher or TA.

The teacher or TA with the group may not be their class teacher. Once groupings have been established on the first day, we will not change groupings - unfortunately socialisation is not the focus of the return to school. School will look and feel very different—not an environment we wish to promote, but one which we hope will keep all children and staff safe.

Children will NOT be able to socialise with other 'bubble groups', we know this is something that children will find a challenge, but safety must come first.

### **What Personal, Protective Equipment (PPE) will be in use in school?**

We are following government guidance on use of PPE. School will be providing staff with PPE and they can use it at their own discretion. If a risk assessment for a particular child determines additional PPE in the form of face mask and goggles / visor are required then these will be provided for staff. If a child presents with symptoms, the staff with the child will wear PPE (aprons, gloves, mask and goggles) whilst the parent is contacted to collect them.

### **Will 'bubble' groups be mixing with each other?**

We are following government guidance to group children into 'bubbles' within school so that only the same children and staff will mix during the school day. Outside play and other shared areas will be staggered to ensure these groupings remain in place. Shared areas will be cleaned between use.

Children will NOT be able to socialise with other 'bubble groups', we know this is something that children will find a challenge, but safety must come first.

**Will you have staggered start and finish times?**

Week beginning: 8th June phased Year 1 intake

Week beginning: 22nd June phased Reception Intake & Year 1

Week beginning 29th June phased Year 6, Reception and Year 1

We are introducing a number of new arrangements for the start and end of the school day. Please observe sensible social distancing while picking up and dropping off at school. Your child will start school at either 8.50am 9:00am or 9.30am Your child will finish school at either 3.00pm or 3.30pm There will be no Breakfast club. We will be reviewing the after school club provision, initially for key workers only.

Your child will have one specific gate to enter and exit the school grounds. The gate will be one of the following:

The car park gate

The community entrance

Old Market street entrance

Your child will enter the school building through one door and use one staircase. This will be the entrance/staircase to the classrooms that their bubbles are based in. Children will be escorted along the corridors and will use specific allocated toilet facilities.

**What cleaning/personal hygiene is in place in school?**

We have rigorous cleaning and personal hygiene routines in place in school which we have increased in line with guidance. Everyone is required to wash their hands on entrance to school and at regular intervals during the day.

Staff will clean down surfaces e.g. door handles, light switches etc at regular intervals .

At the end of the day all areas of school that have been in use will be cleaned thoroughly.

Children will be given plenty of opportunities to wash their hands throughout the day and will be taught about the importance of good hygiene. I ask all parents to continue to share this message with children at home.

### **What will happen at lunch time?**

Due to the unfortunate design of our building children will eat in the classrooms not in the dining room. All packed lunches brought from home must be fully disposable e.g. carrier bags. NO packed lunch bags please due to hygiene reasons.

**Reception** children on FSM will be provided with a packed lunch to take home if attending in the morning sessions. Afternoon children on FSM will eat a packed lunch in the classroom on arrival. FSM children only will be provided with a packed lunch. Children eating at home do not need to arrive until 1:00pm. Please note no hot meals will be given to Reception pupils.

**Year 1** pupils will eat at their allocated station in class- meals must be ordered on Aspens (inc. FSM). There will only no option of a hot meal for health and safety reasons. This may change to a hot meal option at a later date—packed lunch only

**Year 6** pupils will also eat at allocated stations, again meals must be ordered on Aspens or their own packed lunch brought in.

Unfortunately meals cannot be given if you haven't ordered them.

### **What will happen if my child is thirsty during the day?**

We are asking that children bring in their own water bottles to keep hydrated during the day, these can be topped up during the day. Unfortunately water fountains will be out of use.

### **What will happen if my child soils or wets in their clothing during the day?**

Any child that soils or wets themselves will NOT be changed by staff, unless an incontinence plan is in place. Parents must agree to come straight away and take their child home. Staff will ensure your child is comfortable until you arrive at the main door and your child will be brought to you. Even if a change of clothing is provided, staff will not change.

### **Does my child/children need to attend school in their uniform?**

We are asking for children to attend school in clean uniform every day. This will help in keeping the environment as clean as possible.

**What happens if my child falls ill at school?**

If staff think a child is unwell/ or your child complains of feeling unwell, you will be called immediately to collect. Your child will be placed in an isolation room for safety reasons, and monitored. Please note: Your child's place maybe withdrawn if you do not collect your child within an agreed time. We will check your child's temperature if we are concerned.

**What will happen if my child is being collected by a childminder/other adult?**

If your child is collected by a childminder they will not be accessing the class bubbles instead they will access a separate bubble. This will increase the contamination rates. Unfortunately we cannot allow other parents to collect your child.

**If I have a problem or any questions how do I speak with the class teacher?**

Unfortunately parents will not be allowed inside the school building. We have introduced this rule to try and ensure as much social distancing in school as we can, hopefully keeping you and our staff as safe as possible. If you want to pass a simple message to a teacher you will be able to do so via class dojo or email before the start and end of the day. If the message is confidential please send an e-mail to the teacher and we will arrange for someone to contact you, either with a reply to your e-mail or with a phone call.

We hope this information answers most of your questions however if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us:

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