



Summer Term

We hope that you were able to enjoy the wonderful weather we have had recently.

Sadly, we have not been able to welcome back more children from Monday as was planned due to guidance from our local authority and I am aware that the government are still advocating that all pupils will access some face to face learning within school before the summer holidays. Plans for enabling this to take place safely are underway and are likely to involve sessions on specified days for our pupils. We will share these plans when they are finalised and we have a date in mind.

We have therefore enjoyed another week with our Key Worker group. I must commend these children for their fabulous attitude and resilience during these very different times as they have coped without a single holiday, going to different schools whilst working alongside different ages of children. My staff (those teaching from home and in school, the lovely ladies in the office with Mrs Farworth working from home, Mrs Burgess-Dicks in the kitchen and Mr Luty our site supervisor) too have been remarkable with how flexible they have been in meeting the needs set of by the Department for Education. The changing goal posts have been relentless (many, many updated guidances sent each week). I am very grateful to them all for the work they have been doing behind the scenes to keep school operating and ready to open.

This week we have been advised that the delay to opening for the three year groups is to be revised on the 8th with a possible new date of opening as intended for EYFS, Year One and Year Six pupils on the 15th June. I hope to be able to confirm this next week. Should this be the case then we are to put all our safety measures that are detailed below, into place. Please note that we have made a few alterations to what we initially had planned in light of more recent advice.

We have already assigned all the children in each age group that we anticipate could be returning to school (Little Chicks, Ducklings, Year One and Year Six) to a 'bubble' based upon friendships and learning styles. These 'bubbles' will learn, play and lunch together and will not mix with other 'bubbles'. Social distancing rules will apply within the 'bubbles' where adults for the younger children will help the children maintain this. We do not need to know in advance whether your child is to return to help alleviate any anxiety or pressure you may feel in making this decision. Your child will join their assigned 'bubble' whenever you feel happy for them to return.

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We would however appreciate knowing if your child was meant to be coming but is not able to return to school due to an illness or a COVID related matter (isolation due to a family member having COVID symptoms, shielding due to a health concern).

We have a key worker 'bubble' too organised for just Duckling age children and then two further 'bubbles' for Key Workers from Year 2 & 3, 4 & 5. The 'Duckling Key Worker bubble' will not be allowed to mix as no 'bubble' can. This additional 'bubble' has been created as I believe it to be important that they have the same lessons and activities prepared for them as the other Duckling children however they will access these each day in their assigned space with adults assisting them to keep distance and maintain good hygiene. Bookings for a key worker place will continue as it has each week to help accommodate the varying shift patterns required by our NHS workers.

On the **22nd June** our Ducklings and Little Chicks will be welcomed back where they are to arrive at school using the back gate by the school field at 09:30. They will be met at the door and accepted into school one at a time where their belongings will be put away. With collection being at 15:00 from the playground. As an additional measure to assist in maintaining good social distancing we are to welcome **Yellow Duckling pupils on Mondays and Tuesdays and Brown Duckling Pupils on Thursdays and Fridays**. Any key worker pupils within this age range will be accommodated within their own separate bubble for the days they require. Please book a place as normal. Little chicks are to attend for their normal days.

Teachers have planned their learning to take place in small groups throughout the day and will access outdoor spaces as normal. All equipment used will be cleaned throughout the day with Wednesday providing a deep clean opportunity to allow a new group into the space. The team will bring the children out of school and will return them to you safely with their belongings. Please send your child into school with a water bottle and a snack in a sealed container along with their reading books. If your child normally has a packed lunch this can also still be brought in.

The team will consist of Mrs Lees, Mrs Catterall, Mrs Stock, Miss Watmough, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs Soneya and Miss Wilson with Mrs Navruz supporting too.

Year One are asked to arrive at school using the front gate beside the school carpark at 09:15. They will be met at their normal classroom doors to join their 'bubble'. Coats, waterbottles, snacks and lunchboxes will be kept with each of the children along with having their own stationary equipment and exercise

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books. At hometime the 'bubbles' will be brought out of school at 15:45. We ask that adults collecting remain spread out, behind the coned area. Please do not arrive earlier as we will be letting the Year 6 pupils leave at 15:30.

The team consists of Mr Boyd, Miss Wilson, Mr Shuttleworth, Miss Clarkson, Mr Vaughan, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Hicks, Mrs Moss and Mrs MacDonald.

Year Six are asked to arrive at school using the front gate near the school carpark at 09:00. Children have been organised into their 'bubbles' according to their class. Eagles children are to access the school using the double doorway off the main playground and will be met by either Mrs Bagwell or Mrs Billington. Hawks children are to come into school using the doors at the back of the school and will be met by Mrs McEvilly. Falcons children are to use the doors by the side of the MUPA and will be met by Mrs Crooks. Staircases and corridors are to operate using a one way system to help the children maintain social distancing. As with the Year One children, all belongings and equipment will be kept with the children. The Year 6 children will be brought out of school for collection where we ask that parents stand behind the coned off area.

The team consists of Mrs McEvilly, Mrs Bagwell, Mrs Billington, Mrs Crooks, Mrs Oddy, Miss Hardman and Miss Noctor.

Key worker's children may still access school through our front door from 08:30 and may be collected at any time up to 16:30. As school is open for other learners we are asking that all come wearing school uniform. I hope that you can appreciate that the guidance still remains the same that if you can care for your child at home you must do so if your child is not in the year groups allowed back into school. We have not got the capacity for our numbers to increase. If you require a school lunch these can be ordered on arrival. All children requiring a key worker place will be kept in their own bubble.

The team consists of Mr Vaughan, Mrs Jones, Mr Cooper, Mr Powell and Mrs Rodgers

Last week I included a brief outline of our intentions for school improvements including the restructuring of the teachers to meet the needs of our pupils and school. I feel it would be beneficial to expand slightly and explain the rationale behind the allocation of teachers to different year groups. In light of the disruption to my current EYFS and Year One pupils due to the lockdown situation, I am most concerned about their gaps in knowledge around phonics and basic maths facts along with social skills. I have therefore kept Mr Boyd within this phase and have moved Miss Clarkson out of Lower Key Stage Two

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along with Mrs Harding from Upper Key Stage Two. All have proven expertise with English and teaching Maths facts and are best suited to address this cohorts' needs. My Lower Key Stage Two phase teaching team will have two existing, highly skilled practitioners that are familiar with the curriculum and expectations remaining. They are to be joined by Mr Shuttleworth who is an experienced teacher of all Primary ages. I am mindful that some of the Year Two pupils have had a disturbed time whilst in KS1 with unforeseen teacher absences in addition to the COVID situation and feel happy that this will be a strong phase where the children will be supported in their learning. My Upper Key Stage Two phase has had proven success with children excelling in their progress and attainment. I am therefore keeping Mrs Bagwell and Mrs Billington in Eagles and Mrs McEvelly in Hawks. Mrs McEvelly is a member of the SLT and will support the additional member of the team in moving up (Miss Wilson carried out her training in our school and has successfully completed her Newly Qualified Teacher year) to ensure that the standards in Falcons are as high as expected for our children.

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