



Thursday 4th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6 Pupils,

Thank you for taking our calls this week as we have gathered information about children returning to school. We understand that all families have their own circumstances and make decisions based on these. Children who are not attending school will continue to receive some home-learning provision and support, although this will not be the same as it has been previously.

We have prepared three classroom bubbles in readiness for the year 6 children starting next Monday 8th June.

The following information is very important. Please take time to read it and share it with your son or daughter.

You must not send your child to school if s/he is displaying any symptoms of Covid 19 such as a high temperature, a persistent cough or a new loss of smell or taste.

Children MUST have a full, labelled water bottle as we no longer have water fountains or cups available. We will be asking parents to bring a bottle into school if this is forgotten.

Children will need clean clothes each day, therefore school uniform is not necessary.

Children cannot bring anything other than their water bottle and a mobile phone if they are travelling alone, into school. That is no bags, books, PE kits.

From Monday the Chisenhale Road gate will be opened at 8.55AM, try not to arrive any earlier, but if you do please line up 2 metres apart outside the gate. The teachers will be waiting in the playground to line the children up in their allocated 'bubbles'. Parents are not allowed into the playground and are asked **not** to congregate outside, but to follow social distancing guidelines.

The children will remain in these small groups (bubbles) throughout their whole time back at school; they will not change. We have therefore made sure they are arranged by friendships as much as possible. There are no more than 10 children in each bubble. Playtimes and lunchtimes will be in these separate bubbles.

Keeping a distance of 2 metres from each other in the classroom, whilst moving around and in the playground will be encouraged at all times. The children will be expected to abide by this. Children will wash their hands when they come into school for at least 20 seconds with soap. They will do this regularly throughout the day. They will also be expected to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' procedure when coughing or sneezing and then putting the tissue in the bin and washing their hands. Failing this, they should cough into the crook of their arm and then wash themselves. We will also teach the children to use their elbows to open doors.

The classrooms do look quite bare as we have reduced as much as possible anything that can be touched. The desks are spread wide apart and the children have an allocated desk



and set of resources, which they will keep for the whole six weeks. The children will not be allowed to move around the room, but need to ask an adult if they need anything. The children cannot leave their bubble.

During the day, touchpoints and resources will be cleaned in the classroom and children will be encouraged to do this themselves too. Throughout the rest of the school, touchpoints and toilets will be cleaned at intervals during the day.

Doors and windows will be kept open to ensure good ventilation.

If a child displays symptoms they will be isolated immediately and the parents will be called to collect them. The other parents and staff will be informed. As testing is now available we would expect that the child is tested as soon as possible and the result shared with the school. If the result is positive, then the 'bubble' will be closed and all staff and children in that bubble will be told to isolate for 14 days. The families of these children will not have to isolate unless their child is displaying symptoms.

Some adjustments to the procedures for dealing with inappropriate behaviour have needed to be temporarily changed due to staffing and other related Covid-19 issues but as far as possible we will continue to use the procedures from our behaviour policy.

However, if a child's behaviour is deemed to be at risk of compromising their own safety or the safety of others, this cannot currently be tolerated. Refusing to adhere to safety measures, such as hand washing, social distancing, remaining in their bubbles or deliberate behaviours that put themselves or others at risk, such as spitting or deliberately coughing at people, could lead to the following sanctions and disciplinary procedures being used:

1. Referral to Headteacher/ Assistant head (CPOMS Log)
2. Parents/Carers called to collect child from school immediately
3. Immediate swap from onsite education offer to home education offer

At the end of the session at 1.30PM, parents collecting their children are asked to queue at the Zealand Road gate in the direction of the Roman Road. The gate will be opened and parents will be allowed into the playground one at a time to walk across in the direction of Chisenhale Road exit. Your child will then be sent to you. You will not be able to approach any teachers at this time. If you need to give a message, please email or telephone the school.

The school website also has further information regarding the changes we are making in response to Covid 19.

Yours sincerely,



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