



16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have missed you!

Government guidance states that **all** children will be expected to return to school at the beginning of the new term so we are delighted to tell you that Elliston will be **open to all children in Reception through to Y6 from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**. Children in Nursery will have a staggered start over that first week and Mrs Smith will let you know about this. We know that many parents may feel uneasy about schools re-opening, especially those of you who have not been to school since March 20<sup>th</sup>. We have followed all government guidelines when putting safety measures into place which been checked and approved by the Trust Health and Safety officer.

### How will we keep your child safe?

- We will reduce contact amongst children and adults as much as possible.
- Your child will stay within their own class for the majority of the day and be within a key phase 'bubble' They will stay in their year group area and movement around the school will be restricted. Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered to ensure that your child will stay with this group to restrict mixing with other groups.
- Classroom furniture has been arranged to allow for social distancing. Your child will be allocated a desk where they will have a pack containing their personal school equipment (pencils, rulers, crayons, exercise books etc). This will all be provided by school and **no equipment will be allowed in from home**.
- In Nursery and Reception, government guidelines suggest that young children will not be expected to social distance.
- Regular hand washing will take place throughout the day and additional facilities are available for each classroom. Hand sanitizer will be available to use alongside regular hand washing. Hand sanitizers are stationed at each entrance into school and all children will wash their hands before entering and when leaving school.
- All areas of the school will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

### Beginning and end of the school day.

**We will stagger drop off and pick up times depending on the surname of the child/family.** This helps to ensure parents can bring all children in the family in different year groups into school at the same time. **It is important to drop off and pick up on time to avoid overcrowding/groups gathering and minimise the risk at your allocated time.**

Surnames beginning with:	A-G	H-P	Q-Z
Start time.	8.45am	8.55am	9.05am
Finish time.	2.50pm	3.00pm	3.10pm

**Designated entrances for each group will be arranged. You must use the allocated entrance.** Please observe the social distancing rules. Markings on the playground will show safe routes into and out of the playground. Parents will be allowed to bring their child onto the playground but will not bring their child into the school building. Each year group will have an allocated drop off and pick up area on the playground. School staff will be at each area to meet the children at their allocated time.

### **Jaguar, Tiger, Leopard**

Children will use the small, gated entrance on Elliston Street at the beginning and end of the day. Please line up outside the school gates and we would encourage as Y5 and Y6 children to come to school independently where possible. Any children who have permission to walk home alone will leave at 2.50pm, regardless of surname.

### **Cheetah, Cougar, Panther**

Children will use the large gated entrance on Elliston Street as normal. There will be a one-way system in place and we will have signage and staff to show you where to go. Drop off and pick up will be at the normal Y3/4 doors.

### **Puma, Jackal, Lynx**

Children will use the large gated entrance on Elliston Street and drop off is through the first door (near the Rainbow Room), pick up will be from the classrooms doors as normal.

### **Foundation Stage 2 (Sharks and Dolphins)**

Large gate on Bramhall Street – near the car park. There will be signs showing where to go into school.

### **Foundation Stage 1 (Nursery)**

Children will use the normal small gate to go in and out.

### **Breakfast club**

Entry will be through the hall door only.

***Please note, there will be many people coming in and out of the playground, which is obviously a very limited space. You MUST follow the directions and walk and wait only where indicated. If you have more than one child and need to do two drop offs in different places, please speak to Miss Willis or Mrs Patterson about the best way to do this. If we all work together and we are patient, we can make this work well for everyone.***

***Towards the end of the summer holidays, we will be putting up signs on the entrances so feel free to walk and have a look before school opens.***

***Please note that the above information is still subject to change depending on Government guidance.***

Many thanks for your continued support during this time. Please find attached our Elliston Guide to Re-opening which we hope will answer any questions you have. You are more than welcome to ring the school office at any time to clarify any questions or concerns.

We look forward to seeing you all soon, keep safe and have a lovely summer,