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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you all for your responses to our recent survey. Your feedback and comments have been really useful in informing some of the decisions around opening and we have generated a provisional timetable with that information.

We have now, in consultation with our health and safety consultants and government guidance, performed a thorough risk assessment of the situation we face. We have planned many safety measures that will be put in place to keep the whole school family as safe as possible (many of these were outlined in my previous letter).

A number of people have requested clarity around some arrangements but I am only now in a position to confirm some of these.

Our approach of returning the children in stages will allow us to ensure that the measures we have in place are working effectively and are sustainable. It will also allow us to assess the demands on our staff resource and consider the implications of bringing more adults and children to the school site at the staggered drop off and pick up times. This phased approach will also allow us to monitor the local and national picture and make adjustments where necessary.

Provisional timetable of phased return:

Date	Group
Monday 1 st June	Keyworker & Vulnerable child group
Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 6
Tuesday 9 th June	Nursery
Thursday 11 th June	Reception
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 1

The dates are *provisional* and will be confirmed as soon as we can before that date. Along with the confirmation, you will also receive details of your child(ren)'s grouping and their drop off/pick up points and times.

A key principle of our safety strategy is to ensure that children remain in their allocated groups and *do not* mix with children from other groups. We will endeavour to ensure that children are allocated with their friends in their groupings.



How can you help?

- We will be allocating each group a drop off time and location. Please adhere to this time and location and strictly adhere to the social distancing guidelines whilst around the school.
- Only 1 adult should collect/drop off.
- In order to help maintain integrity in our system, please ensure that you respect the social distancing guidance when outside of school and within the community.
- We are not allowing access to the school to any adults unless in an emergency. If you need to make to contact with the office, please phone or email. Please do not visit in person. If you require an appointment to talk to us, please call in advance.
- If your child is unwell or has a temperature, do not send them to school.
- Please do not send your child with any belongings other than their jacket and a water bottle (and packed lunch if required along with any medical items). If they bring these items in a bag we ask that you wipe the bag down with an anti-viral wipe before sending it back in the next day. They do not need to bring a PE kit but can wear trainers as part of their uniform for the active, outdoor elements of the day. Children will not have access to lockers etc.
- The children should wear clean and washed clothes to school each day.

What if the government decide not to go ahead?

The provisional timetable is subject to the Government confirming that the 5 key tests have been met and it is safe for schools to open in line with their guidance. If this is not the case, we will still offer our provision to the children of workers who are critical to the COVID-19 response. Arrangements for this will be different to the current hub setup but we will be in touch (next week) with the families who have indicated a need through the survey to explain how to access the service on June 1st.

Further communications will be distributed soon. At the end of this letter we have listed the answers to some frequently asked questions. These are very important so please read them carefully. If you have further questions or wish to change the status of your survey response, please email me on head@fairfieldprimary.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



Mr C J Steele
Headteacher



FAQs

What happens if my child develops symptoms at school?
<p>Any child (or adult) who develops symptoms in school will be immediately isolated to our allocated medical room. Children will be supervised whilst we make contact with parents to arrange immediate collection. We will then give direction to the parent about how to access the COVID-19 testing system.</p> <p>If the test returns a negative result, the child is free to return to school.</p> <p>If the test returns a positive result, the child and their household members, will need to isolate for 14 days.</p>
What happens if another child in my child's group tests positive for COVID-19?
<p>If a child within your child's group tests positive, the whole group will be sent home and will be advised to isolate for 14 days. The household members of the children in that group, do not need to self-isolate unless their child subsequently develops symptoms.</p>
Is Wraparound Care available?
<p>Sadly, due to the number of small groups we have to use and the fact our plan utilises many areas of our building and our whole staff resource, we are unable to offer our wraparound service (or after school clubs) at the moment.</p> <p>Key worker provision will continue to run until 1630. If you are a key worker and require cover until 1630, please inform us.</p>
Can my child wear a face mask?
<p>Children are not permitted to wear masks in school. If a child wears a mask on the way to school, we request that the parent takes it home at drop off. Adults in school will not be wearing masks unless they are dealing with one of our defined medical/intimate care procedures.</p>
Is lunch available? Where will my child eat?
<p>Currently Orian are only able to offer a packed lunch provision. Parents will either have to order the packed lunch or provide a packed lunch from home until Orian's kitchens reopen fully.</p> <p>All children will be eating with their group and will not mix with the other groups. Year 6 groups will eat in their allocated classroom space. The Key Worker groups will eat in the hall.</p> <p>We will confirm the eating venues of the other groups as they are invited in.</p>
What are the times of the school day?
<p>Each group will be allocated a 10-minute window from drop off and pick up as well as a location. The drop offs will range from 0830 – 0900 and the pick-ups will range from 1500 – 1530.</p>
Will my child be expected to socially distance from the other children in their group?
<p>We will be operating on a group model and have planned measures to allow spacing when working indoors for all pupils. As the government guidelines state, <i>"We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to early years and schools, we are taking this into account. Schools should therefore work through the hierarchy of measures set out below:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms• frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices



- *regular cleaning of settings*
- *minimising contact and mixing*

We will, where possible, reduce contact between people, and we can achieve that and reduce transmission risk by ensuring children and staff where possible, only mix in a small, consistent groups and that small group stays away from other people and groups.

I have a child in Nursery. Can I share provision with another setting/childminder?

No. The guidance states that children should not have dual settings in Nursery for the time being. Children should not mix with children from other settings.

What will happen to home-schooling and what will my child do in school?

The home-schooling provision will continue following the re-opening. Responses may come at different times as staff will be more operational in school. Feedback may also be given by other staff.

In the initial phase of re-opening, the teachers in school will facilitate the online learning in class with some teacher input. We will also work on some social and emotional work as well as outdoor work and Physical education.

As more and more children return to the school we will review the programme.

Can my child come back part-time?

From 1st June, all children returning to school will be expected to stay full-time (with the exception of Nursery). This allows us to stick to the allocated drop off and pick up times and reduces the amount of visits to the school.

