Humberston Cloverfields – Pupils returning to school

If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Year 6 and you are reading this letter then your child has a place for the first new group returning to school.

We are busy planning for a return date of 1st June, however several conditions need to be met before this date is definite. Our school risk assessment for opening has been sent to the board of Trustees of the Enquire Learning Trust who need to be assured that we are as confident as we can be with our arrangements in school. The board will also want the 5 Government tests to be passed before we can open to pupils. In the meantime staff have been preparing classrooms.

General Organisation of the school day

This may not suit all parents and work situations but we are attempting to support social distancing rules. The length of the school day is as normal – 5.5 hrs. If you have two children in school then please drop the youngest one at the time given and then immediately take your next child in to their class. Home time arrangements are the same – collect the youngest child first then immediately collect the oldest child (even though it will be early for them) by knocking on the external door of their classroom.

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| **Classes** | **Start time** | **Break time** | **Lunch time** | **Break time** | **Home time** |
| **Nursery**  | 8:45  | Free flow | 11:30-12:00 | Free flow | 2:15 |
| **Rec**  | 9:00 | 10:30-10:45 | 11:30-12:00 | 10:30-10:45 | 2:30 |
| **Y1** | 9:15 | 10:45-11:00 KS1 playground | 12:-12:30 | 1:30-1:45 KS1 playground | 2:45 |
| **Y6** | 9:30 | 10:45-11:00 KS2 playground | 12:30-1:00 | 1:30-1:45 KS2 playground | 3:00 |

Entering/leaving school grounds

Pupils must be prompt to school, the start time given is the lesson start time so arriving 5 mins before means staff can get children in and start their hygiene routine smoothly. You will not be able to bring your child late to the office and the back gates will be locked. Pupils must also be picked up promptly – there is no provision to care for pupils who are not collected immediately after the end of their session. Please ensure that during this period that all appointments you make for your child are out of school hours.

Parents can choose to bring their child into school via St Thomas close or Humberston Academy entrance. Year 6 can come to school on their own if parents allow this. The car park will not be open to cars (as space is required for social distancing), walking or biking to school is preferred. There will be clear markings, 2metres apart on all pathways into the grounds with clear areas to wait. Only one parent should bring their child into the grounds please. It is preferred that siblings stay at home if they are in a year group that is not attending yet. Both of these measures will reduce the number of people on site and help maintain social distancing.

Please keep social distancing and keep your child with you at all times. There will be a large waiting area for social distancing whilst staff call your child forward. Year 6 pupils will be using the line markings from the gates to their classrooms and enter one at a time. Exit from the top playground will be through the double gates or reversing your path back through to St Thomas Close.

Staff will be on hand to guide you until things become automatic.

Younger pupils – Following advice from our Educational Psychologists, we are operating a “drop and go goodbye.” It is known that a prolonged goodbye will make children feel anxious. It needs to feel like a normal day. Staff are unable to actively/physically take children from you, as per social distancing advice. If your child becomes upset at the point of hand over, please walk them away and calm them and then try again. It is natural for the younger children to be attached and not want to leave parents after a long period away from school. Give them positive reassurance about you picking them up and the fun things they will do and the friends they will see. If none of these things help then keep positive and try again the next day.

Pupils have been allocated classes with their current teacher or highly experienced Teaching Assistant as much as possible whilst also being mindful of the maximum group size of 15 pupils. Class teachers will oversee all activities. The children will remain with these staff and their group will take breaks and lunch together. They will be in a “bubble” that is self-contained and does not mix with other “bubbles.” From 1st June you will need to book school lunch, which will only be a grab bag option. Please book this through parent pay. A text message will be sent.

Children are to wear school uniform but can wear trainers. Although we will not be having PE lessons since this have been discouraged in the official guidance, there will be physical activity slots throughout the day. Please do not bring in any of the child’s own toys, cuddly items or books. The only items allowed in school are children’s lunchboxes and drink bottles and extra drinks. Children must bring their own drinks to school as cups cannot be provided. No bags should be brought on site unless they contain a change of clothes for children who are of toilet training age or have known issues. Coats should only be brought in if the weather is poor. Hats can be brought in during warm weather and sun cream, but children must be able to apply this themselves.

Managing Communication

No physical communication can be made with staff in the office. If you have any messages regarding absence please telephone the school office. General communication with class teachers should still take place through Dojo so if you have not yet signed up, please email your child’s teacher who can facilitate this.

If your child becomes unwell in school we will call you, you will be able to pick up from the conservatory and can use the disabled parking space.

For parents using the Key worker group please see separate letter.

Thank you

Mrs Spruce