

# Expectations for your child returning to school

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we continue to wait for further direction from the government to determine whether schools in England will reopen from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, I feel it's important to keep you up to date. We have worked with current government guidelines and The Enquire Learning Trust to put together specific plans for the return to school of Reception, Year1, Year 6 and continued provision for those children of Key Workers. Please be aware that this is a starting point and we may need to adjust these arrangements as government guidelines or circumstances at school change.

## What are the arrangements for the start and the end of the school day?

**The different groups of children will be asked to arrive and leave school at different times to ensure maximum social distancing. Only one adult should bring their child to school and we are asking all parents to leave their children at the allocated drop off point. No adults will allowed in school.**

- **Key worker group** should arrive between 8:30 and 9:00am and go directly to the **Year 3 Fire Exit door** where Miss Sibbick will be to welcome them.
- **Key Worker group** should be collected between 3:15 and 4:00pm from the same door.
- **Foundation children** should arrive between 8:45 and 9:00am at the Foundation Stage gate where Mrs Thomas will be to welcome them.
- **Foundation Stage** should be collected from the Foundation Stage playground at 3:00pm.
- **Year 1 children** should arrive between 9:00 and 9:15am at the Key Stage one gate where Mrs Booth and Miss Whiting will be to welcome them into either the Year 1 or Year 2 classroom.
- **All Year 1 children** should be collected from the hall door at 3:15pm. Parents should wait on the large playground for your child to be sent out to meet you. Socially distancing rules apply.
- **Year 6 children** should enter and exit via the main entrance and any parents bringing them to school should say good-bye at the main gates. They should arrive between 9:00 and 9:15 and will leave at 3:30pm

## Will children need to wear school uniform?

- We would like the children to **come to school in their usual school uniform** wherever possible.
- If your child has grown out of their uniform, there is no expectation that parents should go out and buy new at this point.
- Please send them in whatever fits along with other sensible clothes that can be easily washed.
- There is no need for children to bring PE bags, just a change of shoes for out PE sessions.
- As per government health and safety guidelines we ask that you send children in freshly washed clothes each day.

## Will children need to bring their own lunch?

- **We are not able to provide hot school dinners at this time.**
- The school kitchen will be open to provide a cold sandwich option each day.
- Children in Foundation Stage and Year 1 are entitled to universal free school meals and may order a school lunch using parent pay. **These orders MUST be in by midnight on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May for the week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.**
- All Key Stage 2 children who receive free school meals MUST also order the sandwich option via parent pay before midnight on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May for the following week.
- Any child that doesn't order a school meal must bring their own packed lunch which will be kept in the classroom with them.

## Will children need to bring their book bags?

- **Children do not need to bring book bags in to school at this time.**
- **Children must not bring anything in from home other than a water bottle, their lunch and coat when needed.**
- If any child brings something in from home it will be kept by the teacher until the end of the day.

## What will the classrooms look like?

- We have followed government health guidelines and removed some items from our classrooms
- We have re arranged the tables and chairs to ensure maximum social distancing while children are working
- We have put a pack of equipment at each place for the same child to use each day.
- All classroom will have doors and windows open for maximum airflow.
- Please see the pictures below....



## What will happen if my child becomes ill at school?

- If your child becomes ill with symptoms of COVID-19, they will be moved to a room with one member of staff, who will wear PPE at that time.
- If your child needs first aid PPE may be worn by the supervising adult. First aid incidents will be dealt with as normal but notes won't be sent home. If we need to inform you of an injury we will telephone during the day.
- **As always please make sure we have up to date contact details for yourselves.**

## What is the best way to prepare my child to return to school at this time?

- We understand how difficult it may be for families to make the decision to send children back to school at this time and also how difficult it may be for children to readjust to school and the new rules.
- With this in mind, we have prepared a short social story for parents to read with their children prior to returning to school. This outlines some of what they should expect and hopefully relieve any anxieties for them.
- Please see the documents attached to this email.

I would just like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of you for the support you have shown myself and the staff team at Keelby Primary Academy during these difficult times. The way you have supported your children with home learning and the way children have engaged with the activities set by teachers has been truly amazing. I know how tremendously difficult it can be for families at this time with pressure of home learning, working from home and keeping safe from illness. The safety and wellbeing of all our children and families will remain a key priority at Keelby primary Academy as we continue to follow government guidelines throughout these unprecedented times. As always please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours Sincerely



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