

Parent's Guide for your child returning to school

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the course of the next two weeks I will be sending you very detailed guidance about what school will be like when we 're-open'. I thought it would be useful for you to have an idea of what it might look like so you can begin to prepare your children for their return if you choose to send them.

How will we get in?

- Children in each year groups will start and finish at different times of the day to minimize parent contact.
- Parents will not be allowed inside school.
- Only one parent should bring your child to school.
- Older children must enter the school grounds on their own.
- Year 1 and Foundation children must be left at the gate where a member of staff from their group will greet them.
- You must socially distance when dropping off and collecting.
- Coats will be kept in classrooms.

Who can come?

- **If Science and the Government tests permit, and we are given clear reassurances, we will reopen in June (date to be confirmed) to children in Foundation, Y1 and Y6.**
- **We will also remain open for key worker children and those with an EHCP. These families will still need to book places on a weekly basis so we know how many to expect.**

How will you socially distance?

- The government recommendation is 15 children in a class.
- Year 1, Year 6 and Key worker children will organized into class groups of 15.
- FS children will remain in the Foundation stage area including the wider use of the outside space for learning.
- All children will have an allocated desk that only they will sit at.
- They will always use the same room and will have break times with their key group, and as far as possible at different times from the other groups.
- They will not mix with children from other groups.
- They will eat lunch in their classroom or in an allocated space outside.
- There will be no hot dinners, as dinnertime will need to be staggered to ensure the children remain separate.

- There will be a sandwich offer for children entitled to free school meals plus anyone else wishing to order a school lunch at this time.
- Each room will have an allocated teacher and a support adult who will only work with that class group.
- Each child will be given a desk to sit at and separate stationery and technology which only they will use. Foundation children will have their own allocated space to sit for snack and listening to stories etc.
- Foundation Stage children will be using equipment on a rotational basis to allow for greater hygiene measures to be implemented.
- Toilets, surfaces and contact points will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Children will wash their hands many times during the school day.

We are aware as per government guidelines, that very small children could find it difficult to stay 2 metres apart.

We will constantly promote guidelines for pupils to encourage maximum social distancing and support them with these each day.



What will the children be doing in school?

- Lessons will resume for children in Foundation, Year1 and Year 6, focusing on end of year expectations and assessing individual children's needs.
- The biggest challenge will be for the Foundation children who are used to a play based curriculum. There will be NO: Sand, Playdough, Water Play
- Foundation Stage learning will be based around a rotation of activities making the day more structured.
- All children will have as much time outside
- Key worker children in school will be completing the same activities which we will be sending home.

What if someone becomes ill?

- We will not be taking temperatures during the school day.
- If a 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 will be worn by the supervising adult.
- The government advice is that school staff members do not wear masks, nor do children.

What about children who are at home?

- We will continue with our home learning offer for Years 2, 3 4 and 5 however you will need to be aware that teachers are going to be back in the classroom each day so other members of the staff team may be responding on Class DoJo during the day.

I hope that you are able to gain an understanding of how school will run if all the Government tests for safe opening have been met and we return in June. The Enquire Learning Trust and Keelby staff are working closely together and following guidelines to ensure everyone is as safe as possible when school re-opens.

I'm sure you will take time to consider this information, and make an informed decision about your child returning to school. On reflection, if you make the decision you will not be sending your child/children back to school this term please could you let me know by 9am on Friday 22nd May at the latest.

Please note more information and detailed guidance regarding reopening will follow soon. As always please contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours Sincerely



Annabel Cowling

Principal, Keelby Primary Academy