

Our Ref: JDH/JL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding while we have been consulting with our partner schools, the Diocese, the Middle schools and of course our Trustees, considering what steps we can take to safely start to expand our provision within the guidance offered to us by the DFE . As you are aware, the Government announced its plans to instruct schools to begin to open their doors from 1 June 2020 onwards. To allow time for all staff to prepare effectively, Selwood will begin to welcome additional children back to school, starting with Year 6 pupils on Monday 8 June. We will then begin to arrange for other year groups, prioritising Year 8 initially in order to support transition, though this is unlikely to be in June. Year 8 pupils will be receiving additional communication later this week with regard to transition arrangements.

If we have capacity to support the return of other year groups before the end of the July term we will. We are also looking to maximise our communications with all families over the following weeks. All pupils will receive direct e-mails from their Tutor or Year Head to help support them in any way they can. I appreciate that many parents have asked if we can do this and we will respond to this request as a matter of priority. We miss all our children and are very mindful of the difficulties many families have faced.

Selwood has remained open to children of key workers who could not be cared for at home and those determined as vulnerable since lockdown was announced in March and has continued this provision throughout all the normal school holiday periods. These pupils will continue their provision during the May half term holiday and during the week of 1 June 2020.

Pupils not attending school will continue their home learning which will be updated weekly with the exception of next weeks half term when I hope you will enjoy a family break in some form .

Academy arrangements moving forward for pupils attending school:

- We will stagger the start and end of the day so that fewer adults and pupils are arriving or leaving the school at the same time.
- Playtimes will be staggered so that groups of children do not mix during these times. Social distancing measure will be in place during all such breaks.
- Social distancing measures will mean that children will be taught in a group (bubble) of up to 8 pupils to 1 adult, spaced in classrooms around the school site. Children might not be in a room that they are familiar with and may not be working with adults they know well. To maintain infection control measures, each small group of pupils

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

will not mix or mingle with any other groups. The classrooms at Selwood cannot accommodate numbers above this whilst meeting the recommended 2m distance.

- Pupils in school will be completing the same learning resources placed on the Selwood home learning webpages.
- Where appropriate, school staff will be wearing PPE
- Any pupil wishing to wear a facemask may do so and we will continue with our regular handwashing routines between activities. "Kill it, catch it, bin it " continues.
- Regular cleaning of rooms and resources will take place throughout the day in addition to the deep cleaning.
- Pupils will be required to eat a packed lunch in their classroom. A hot meal service is not available.
- Pupils will not wear uniform to enable clothing to be washed regularly in line with government advice.
- It will not be possible to operate a zebra crossing service due to social distancing requirements. Please ensure your child knows how to cross a road safely.
- The bus loop entrance is for pupil entry and exit on foot only. For safety purposes, no cars may enter this space or the school car park. The football club is for pick up /drop off by car. Parents can then walk their child to the bus loop entrance in order to ensure safe road crossing. Social distancing measures will be in place for when children are collected in person.

I appreciate this is a lot of information to take in initially and therefore if you have additional questions please do continue to contact us in the usual way.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and your families especially those who may have recently suffered bereavement due to Covid.

God bless you for all your continued support of Selwood and each other.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hopegood'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Mrs J Hopegood
Headteacher