

Our ref: JDH/JL

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Dear Parents and Carers of pupils in Year 6

The purpose of this letter is to give you important information about the new routines in school, once we begin to open the school to larger groups of pupils. Included with this letter (and also in the news section of our website) is a link to a '4 simple questions' survey that we need you to complete by return no later than **Thursday 21 MAY 09.00** please .

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.

Selwood has remained open to children of key workers 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 even if they are year 6.

It is important to note that parents of children in Year 6 can decide if they wish their children to attend school after June 8 or keep them at home. All absences will continue to be authorised until the end of July 2020.

For those attending school, it is important to know that the following arrangements will be in place:

- Pupils not attending school will be expected to continue their home learning.
- 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 measures 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 placed in a room they are familiar with and may not be working with adults they have previously been taught by. To maintain infection control measures, each small group of pupils 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 will be completing the same learning resources placed on the Selwood home learning webpages.

'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16
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- 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.
- Regular cleaning of rooms and resources will take place throughout the day.
- 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 would like to reassure you that all of these measures are there to ensure that where possible we can maintain social distancing for the wellbeing of all in school. We appreciate the social side of school will be curtailed by these measures and we ask for your support in explaining what this will mean for your children whilst in school.

Once we have an accurate understanding of the number of Year 6 pupils who will attend school we will notify parents/carers of the full detail of attendance arrangements. For this reason, we need you to complete this very quick simple survey by Thursday 21 May 9.am please.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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