

19<sup>th</sup> May 2020.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, can I say a big thank you to those parents/carers who have contacted school to indicate whether or not they will be sending their children in Year 6, Year 1, Reception and Nursery back to school from 1st June. This helps us with our planning. We still await final confirmation from the government and The Enquire Learning Trust that schools will extend their provision from 1<sup>st</sup> June. I will contact you via parent text and class dojo when I have this final confirmation.

Currently government guidance states that we can only welcome pupils from Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 6, and any pupils of critical workers and vulnerable groups from June 1st. We will expect all children in these groups to attend full time, except nursery children. Your decision to send your child back to school is, of course, your choice. I appreciate and respect that some of you feel that you have not yet received enough information regarding this important decision and I hope that this letter will give you further information to make an informed choice.

Current guidelines state you will **not** be penalised if your child does not attend school.

Home learning will **not** be continued for children in priority year groups.

School meal vouchers will no longer be issued to children in priority year groups if parents decide to keep them at home.

### **How will we keep your child safe?**

Government guidance clearly states 'Early Years and Primary aged children cannot be expected to remain two metres apart from each other and staff'. However, we will reduce contact amongst children and adults as much as possible.

Your child will be placed in a group of up to 15 pupils from their year group and supported by two adults for the duration of their time in school. **Please note, this may not be with their own class teacher or in their own classroom.**

They will stay in this classroom/area and will not be required to move to other areas of the school.

They will stay with this group during break and lunch times. They will have packed lunch (school if ordered or home packed lunch) in their designated classroom.

In year 1 and year 6 we have re-arranged the classrooms to allow for social distancing. Your child will be allocated a desk where they will have a pack containing their personal school equipment (pencils, rulers, crayons, exercise books etc) to minimise risk. This will all be provided by school and no equipment will be allowed in from home.

In EYFS (Nursery and Reception) we have reduced the risk by putting the children into smaller groups. We have sectioned off areas of the unit for each group of children.

Regular hand washing will take place throughout the day and additional facilities have been purchased for each classroom. Hand sanitizer will be available to use alongside regular hand

washing. Hand sanitizers and hand washing facilities are stationed at each entrance into school and all children will wash their hands before entering and when leaving school.

Each group of children will have an allocated toilet area.

All areas of the school will be cleaned regularly.

Playtimes and lunchtime play will be staggered and each group of children will have their own boxes of play equipment.

#### **Beginning and end of the school day.**

This will be one of our biggest challenges to ensure social distancing. We will stagger dropping off and picking up times depending on the surname of the child. This helps to ensure parents can bring different children from different years in at the same time. **It is important to drop off and pick up on time to avoid overcrowding/groups gathering and minimise the risk at your allocated time.**

Designated entrances for each group will be arranged. **You must use the allocated entrance.** Please observe the social distancing rules. Parents will not be allowed onto the school site. School staff will be at each entrance to meet the children.

**Year 6** children will use the black gated entrance on Heneage Road at the beginning and end of the day.

**Year 1** children will use the playground entrance on Welholme Road at the beginning and end of the day.

**Reception and nursery** children will use the brown doors with the ramp on Heneage Road at the beginning and end of the day.

Children who have been coming into school over this period will continue to use Welholme Road.

#### **Children with Surnames:**

**A-F start at 8.50am, G-L start school at 9.00am, M-R start school at 9.10am, S-Z start school at 9.20am.**

**Surnames- A-F leave school 2.45, G-L leave school 2.55, M-R leave school at 3.05, S-Z leave school at 3.15**

Please note that the above information is still subject to change depending on Government guidance.

Can I ask all parents/carers who have not let us know their intentions to do so by Tuesday 26th May.

Many thanks for your continued support during this time and I will be in touch once I have further information around the return to school to share with you.

We look forward to seeing you soon, keep safe,

Mrs D Turrell

