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Dear Parents/Carers,

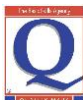
Re: Coronavirus update - School reopening, September 2020.

As many of you will have seen in the news over the past couple of weeks, there has been a concerted drive by the government to get schools back to full capacity as quickly as possible. However, with the recently enforced lockdown in Leicester as well as concerns in Blackburn, it clearly shows us all that we still need to be on full alert regarding the dangers of Covid-19. Therefore, I am sharing with you the plan for what School will look like for your child/ren coming back in September. The Governors met, discussed the plan and have ratified it. Although the plan is significantly different to other schools locally, I believe it takes full account of our school community being almost 100% BAME.

I would like to reassure you that school is a safe place to be. We have been operating key worker provision successfully since closure in March. Since June, we have welcomed back children in Years 1, 6 and Reception and have managed those children each day working, eating and playing in their bubbles.

In September, we will welcome back all children in all year groups. **All children must attend school unless you have been specifically written to by the NHS, with instructions to shield your child from September.** We will operate year group bubbles at school - children will work, eat and play with children from their year group only. We have systems in place to deal with suspected or confirmed cases and we will actively promote the test, track & trace system with the NHS. A new school risk assessment will be placed on the school website in August.

In order to settle children fully, we will be phasing pupils back in stages in September. Please see the table below for how this will affect your child/ren.



We are having half class sizes for the beginning of the Autumn term (02/09/2020) and then introducing full year groups during the next 3 weeks. The intention is to ensure that all members of the school community feel safe and secure as we begin to operate as “normally” as possible. Where possible we have tried to keep siblings together, but as you can imagine this has not always been the case, so I apologise in advance for any temporary inconvenience. A text message will be sent out informing you as to whether you are AM or PM slots.

Week Beginning	Nursery	Reception	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
02.09.2020.	Closed	Staggered ↓	Part Time	Part Time	Part Time	Part Time	Part Time	Part Time
07.09.2020.	Stay & Play	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
14.09.2020.	Part Time	Part Time ↓	↓	Full Time	↓	↓	↓	Full Time
21.09.2020.	Part Time	↓	Full Time	↓		Full Time	↓	↓
28.09.2020.	Full Sessions	↓	↓	↓	Full Time	↓	Full Time	↓

Children should wear school uniform when they return. At this time can I remind you that children must wear flat black shoes for school!

In order to facilitate social distancing at drop off and collection time, children will start and finish school at different times and for part time or full time hours. EYFS children must stick to the timetable sent out by Mr Crane.

Part Time hours: AM

- Years 1&2:
8.55 -12noon
- Years 3-6:
8.45 (classrooms open for a soft start, pupils go straight into rooms) - 12noon.



Part Time hours: PM

- Years 1&2:
12.30 (go directly into classrooms) - 2.55pm
- Years 3&4:
12.30 (go directly into classrooms) - 3.05pm
- Years 5&6:
12.30 (go directly into classrooms) - 3.15pm

Full Time hours:

- Years 5&6: 8.45 - 3pm
- Years 3&4: 8.55 - 3.10pm
- Years 1&2: 9.05 - 3.20pm

Please note, there will be no breakfast or after school clubs for the first half of the Autumn term, I will let you know when clubs will resume.

All the staff here at Yorkmead are looking forward to welcoming your children back in September. There is an exciting curriculum with lots of engaging activities planned for the coming academic year. Enjoy your summer break, stay safe and well.
See you in September.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr Newman-Smith

