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Dear Parents,

As you will have read from my previous letter school is intending to open on Monday 1st June to Key Worker children as suggested by the Government. You will know that I have taken the decision to offer a staggered and phased return for Reception, Yr1 and Yr6 (see timetable below). As a parent myself I know you will have many questions about what school is doing to ensure the safety of your child.

Key worker children, Reception, Year One and Year Six. **Please see the start dates below: (this provision is in place up until we break up for summer on Friday 17th July 2020) and initially only for those parents who responded to our survey. As we continue to monitor our ability to maintain social distancing measures there may be an opportunity to offer provision to more pupils.**

Key Worker Only	Reception & Yr 1	R, Yr1 & Yr6
Monday 1st June	Monday 8th June	Monday 15th June

I have compiled a Question & Answers sheet for you, which will outline expectations for all of us; children, parents and staff. These must be adhered to by all of us to ensure all of our safety at this difficult and challenging time. If these measures are not met or Government guidance changes then I will review the provision we offer.

I thank-you in advance for your continued support and co-operation.

1. Is it compulsory for my child to come to school?

No, your child does not need to come back to school. No attendance will be affected.

2. Will my child be taught by their teacher if they come to school?

This will depend on numbers of children in school, children will be put into groups with 6 children to everyone one member of staff. As our school year groups work closely together

children will be familiar with the member of staff working with them. **This is to ensure minimal unnecessary contact with lots of different people.**

3. What time will school start and finish?

Start and finish times will be staggered, these times will follow on shortly to relevant year groups.

4. Will lunch still be provided?

Yes, lunch will be provided. However, times will be staggered and children within their groups will go together, again this is to maintain social distancing and safety for pupils and staff. Please note lunch will be a sandwich not hot food.

5. Will Breakfast Club be available?

No, at this time unfortunately there will be no before school provision.

6. Can my child have toast and juice?

No, at this time toast and juice will not be available, a snack may be brought in from home but please do not send chocolate bars or packets of crisps.

7. How will you maintain social distancing?

Social distancing will be maintained by:

- Painted spots on the playground which are 2m apart for children to line up.
- No parents will be allowed onto the school playground, this will be a 'child only' zone. On entry to school parents will be asked to wait in line 2m apart (similar to supermarkets) and Mr Newman-Smith will see each child into school where their teacher will be waiting. Further instruction will be sent out so parents know exactly where to go.
- Staggered start and finish times.
- Staggered break and lunch times.
- Within the classroom – there will be one child per desk. Desks have been set out to adhere to Government guidelines.

8. Will PPE be provided? Who will be wearing it?

PPE will be provided for staff however the DFE guidance does not say they have to wear it. It will however be worn by Mrs Shajahan our designated first aid lead should she need to administer first aid to your child.

9. How will good hygiene be practiced?

Every room and office in school has been deep cleaned. All members of staff will be regularly washing their hands and will ensure the children do also. We have a good supply of hand sanitiser in every room. There will also be an extra clean throughout the day.

10. What will happen when my child needs the toilet?

Children will not be assisted when going to the toilet, they must be able to go by themselves and wash their hands as social distancing can not be adhered to if they need assistance.

11. If anyone in my household is high risk/vulnerable should I send my child to school?

No, if your child lives in a house where **any** of the occupants come under the Government category of high risk you must keep your child at home.

12. My child is asthmatic or has been given an inhaler by their Doctor, can they come back to school?

No, children with any respiratory illness especially asthma must not come to school at this time.

13. Does my child need their book bag?

No, a school exercise book and stationery will be set up for each individual child, nothing from school will be going home.

14. My child is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, should I send them to school?

No, any child who has a temperature, cough, sore throat, loss of sense of smell and/or taste or generally feels unwell must be kept at home for 7 days. No attendance will be affected.

15. Does my child need to wear school uniform?

We will be having a relaxed uniform, PE tops with black/blue/grey trousers or short, or summer dresses, if our beautiful weather continues please ensure children have sun cream on and hats etc. As always, no trainers, heels, earrings or open top sandals.

16. Will parents be allowed on site?

No, parents will not be allowed on the school site during this time. The office area is unfortunately too small and the social distancing rules cannot be adhered too. You must ensure your child has their water bottle and lunch (if you make them sandwiches) with them when you drop off in the morning. Children will not need anything else in school at this time.

Can I ask all parents to ensure that they have spoken to their children regarding “social distancing” measures and adhering to them, the importance of regularly washing hands, using tissues, paper towels and discarding of these in bins. This is also the same with regard to litter outside being put in the bins provided!

I know that many families will have found this period extremely challenging and for some of us we have experienced the loss of a loved one. If this has been the case would you please let school know, so that we are able to best support you and your children moving forward.

You can contact school at any time by calling 0121 464 4215 or email enquiry@yorkmead.bham.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mr Newman-Smith
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