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Dear Parents/Carers

June 1st Opening for Reception, Y1 and Y6

Following my letter of 13^{th} May, I can now inform you that the three schools within our Federation are ready to open on Monday 1^{st} June for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 who have confirmed they will be attending.

The school experience for everyone will be very different; I outline below how school will look and feel.

Classroom Organisation

We have carefully followed the government's advice and created groups, which are known as Bubbles, of a maximum of ten children. Ten children is the maximum number of children we can accommodate safely in any classroom whilst maintaining social distancing for children and adults. Every child is allocated to a bubble. Children will remain with the same bubble every day. Each bubble has an allocated classroom, which will be their classroom every day. Children are seated 2 metres apart in each classroom. Each bubble will have one adult, which may be a Teacher or Teaching Assistant. That adult will remain with their bubble throughout the day.

The letter attached, from your school, provides school specific detail.

Playtimes

Bubbles will have a timetabled morning playtime and lunchtime. This will be separate from any other bubble so that social distancing can be maintained.

Lunchtime

Children are to eat their lunch in the classroom. Reception and Y1 children will receive their Universal Free School Meals. Y6 children will need to bring their own packed lunches. Please be aware, we are not able to offer hot lunches.

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Hygiene

Posters will be displayed in each classroom, each toilet block and throughout the school reminding everyone of the need to social distance and wash hands regularly. Soap and hand gel will be available in every classroom. Children will be reminded, and expected to, wash their hands before and after each playtime, before and after lunch, when they arrive in school and before they leave at the end of the day.

Starting and Finishing the Day

There will be separate entrance and exit points into school for each bubble. Only one parent/carer will be allowed to drop off and collect their child. It is important that the number of people on site is restricted to a minimum; please try, where possible, to not bring other children on to the playground at the end of the school day. Crosses will be marked on the playground at 2 metre distances for parents to stand on whilst waiting to collect their children.

Please see the attached letter detailing the specific arrangements for your child's school.

If a child displays Coronavirus symptoms whilst in their bubble

The child will be isolated and parents informed. Parents will be asked to collect their child and advised to get their child tested for Coronavirus. Parents of other children in that Bubble will be informed immediately that a child within that bubble has shown signs of Coronavirus, although unconfirmed, and will be given the option to collect their child or keep their child in school.

If the Teacher/TA with that Bubble chooses not to continue, resulting in their being insufficient staff, parents will be asked to collect their children immediately.

Should any child or adult in school be tested positive for Coronavirus, we will contact Public Health England who will advise the school on the steps we need to take.

I understand that these are not the ideal conditions in which we want our children to learn. But these are not ideal times. We have created safe environments for everyone in school; child and adult, and we ask you to please follow the instructions from your child's individual school so that all of us can remain safe in these uncertain times.

Yours sincerely

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