

9th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of children currently attending school,

We have now allocated places for the second round of booking and our bubbles are a little fuller today than last week. The government guidance on school opening is very prescriptive and offers little flexibility. Thank you for working with us on the arrangements we have put in place.

I want to share with you how we have organised the children at this point. We have based bubbles around the existing class teachers in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We are spending lots of time outside so that the bubbles can be together in a class group of up to 15. When inside, we need 2 classrooms to accommodate the 15 children with desks spaced at 2m. At this point, each classroom has a teacher. Year 2 teachers are working in the Reception bubbles, Year 3 teachers are working in the Year 1 bubbles and Year 5 teachers are working in the Year 6 bubbles.

Bubble	Drop off	Pick up	Year Group	Classrooms	Teachers
1	9.00 – 9.05	2.30 – 2.35	Reception	1 and 2	Miss Townsend and Miss Taylor
2	9.05 – 9.10	2.35 – 2.40	Reception	3 and 4	Mr Sapsford and Miss Telfer
3	9.10 – 9.15	2.40 – 2.45	Year 1	7 and 8	Miss Sheldon and Miss Deakin
4	9.15 – 9.20	2.45 – 2.50	Year 1	9 and 10	Mrs Boekee/Mrs Cook/Mrs Armitage and Mr Taylor
5	9.20 – 9.25	2.50 – 2.55	Year 6	11 and 13	Mrs Dowdall and Miss Bright
6	9.25 – 9.30	2.55 – 3.00	Year 6	12 and 14	Miss Wattis and Miss Sewell
7	8.50 – 9.00	3.05 – 3.15	Year 3-5	5 and 6	Ms Merriman

(Please note that we do have a few Year 2 children in the Year 1 bubbles)

I would also like to take the opportunity to share some important ways in which you can help us to stay safe and keep things running smoothly (sorry for the long list).

- 1) Continue to arrive at the correct time for your bubbles. This has worked very well so far.
- 2) Please be mindful of children who are frightened of dogs by keeping dogs away from the main entrance to the school.
- 3) Continue to report any absences to the school office before 9:30am. If absences are not reported, or children do not take up their place regularly, we may have to withdraw the place.
- 4) You must not bring your child into school if you or anyone in your family home has symptoms of Covid-19. The symptoms are currently one or more of the following: high temperature, persistent cough or loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. Please take your child's temperature each morning before you come to school.
- 5) If you or anyone in your family home has been told to self-isolate due to coming in contact with someone who has tested positive, we ask that you let school know immediately.
- 6) If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 within a 'bubble' group, we will contact the PHE and follow their advice. This could mean the bubble closing and your family needing to self-isolate for 14 days.
- 7) Please ensure that children's clothes are washed after each day at school.

- 8) You must adhere to social distancing outside the school gates and after dropping off children. Places may be withdrawn for children whose adults do not follow this part of the guidance.
- 9) Continue to limit the items that children bring into school.
- 10) Provide a water bottle every day as we are not allowed to use the water fountains in school.
- 11) Children should come to school in sports kit so that they do not have to change clothes. No earrings please for children in Reception and Year 1. Y6 children may only wear earrings if they can remove them on their own. Trainers should be worn rather than sandals.
- 12) It may often be sunny, so please ensure that children have their shoulders covered and bring a sun hat to school. Children may also bring in a labelled bottle of sun cream if they can apply it themselves.
- 13) Children should bring in a packed lunch or order a school packed lunch each day. Please make sure that packed lunches are easily opened by children themselves if possible.
- 14) Children may bring in some fruit for break time as the fruit scheme will not be running this term.
- 15) Children will have their own desk. All the equipment they will need will be provided for them in a tray on their desk.
- 16) Reception and Year 1 children may wish to bring in spare clothes in case they have a toileting accident.
- 17) As we don't have access to the KS1 bike shelter, please avoid bringing bikes to school if possible if your child is in Reception or KS1.

Please do continue to speak to Mrs Whiting or myself at the start and end of the school day if you have any questions about the day to day arrangements in place for school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours

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