

Monday 1 June 2020

Dear Parents

I do hope you all had a good half term and managed to enjoy the glorious sunshine.

Phased reopening of schools

I'm sure you have heard the prime minister's announcement on Thursday that the five tests set out by the government have been met and, as a result, he has announced that we can move forward with adjusting the lockdown from today. He has confirmed that primary schools can reopen from Monday 1 June to nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 children.

Therefore I can confirm that we are reopening the school for the specific year groups on the following dates:

- **Year 6** bubbles to start on **Friday 5 June**
- **Nursery** and **Reception** bubbles to start on **Monday 8 June**
- **Year 1** bubbles to start on **Tuesday 9 June**

The children will be coming into school full time from their start date, but drop off and pick up times will be staggered (8:30-2:30, 9:00-3:00 or 9:30-3:30). This is all subject to change, depending on whether we have the capacity and necessary safety protocols in place. You will be informed accordingly if it does change.

The safety of your child and of our staff is our top priority. We are working hard, following the government guidance, to develop and implement a number of new ways of operating. This will allow us to open as safely as possible, focusing on measures that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our school. More information about these measures and details about the bubbles will be sent out to those year groups **tomorrow**.

Google Classroom

It has been great to see how the children have been engaging with Google Classroom and staff have tried hard to set a variety of work and also to continue to motivate and support children. Moving forward, larger numbers of staff will be needed to provide face-to-face teaching at school, which may include your child's class teacher (even if they are not in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6). While we endeavour to do our absolute best to continue to keep Google Classroom going for every year group, staff may not be able to comment on work handed in or respond to private messages as quickly as they would have done otherwise.

End of Spring Term Reports

We do hope you enjoyed reading your child's end of spring term report. As you cannot meet with teachers face-to-face to ask any questions regarding the report, we would like to give you the opportunity to have a telephone discussion with your child's class teacher about your child's progress and attainment so far this year. Your child's class teacher will be arranging to call each of you before

the end of June. The school office will send you a Parentmail message to inform you of this phone call on the day, or the day before the scheduled call. I trust that you will find these discussions useful.

The Pantry - our new school meals provider

I am pleased to inform you that the Pantry is now officially our new school meals provider. Their menus are of a Food for Life Gold standard, which ensures all of The Pantry's meat, is to a minimum Red Tractor standard, is organic where possible and all sourced within the UK. This accreditation also guarantees that your child's meals are freshly cooked from raw ingredients.

Once your child is back at school, you can order and pay for school lunches directly through them using their online system. This will be set up by the end of this week, ready for you to order and pay for your child's lunch from the week commencing 8 June (if your child has started school). You will receive more details regarding The Pantry and details of how to log on and order and pay for your child's lunch via email this week from The Pantry.

Building Update

Just to let you know that we currently have contractors on site repairing eight of our roofs and are hoping to be finished by the end of August. There is scaffolding up, however - to reassure you - this doesn't affect children accessing any part of the building.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

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