

Woodmansey CE Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As promised, we are able to give some tentative information for you regarding what may happen in June.

Tentative, because the provision is all based on whether the government's five critical factors have been met. We are informed that we shall all know this on 28th May. I recommend therefore that we all have Plans B and probably C at the ready.

A comprehensive plan has been prepared to start to reintroduce children to school but frankly to share all of it with you now would probably be overwhelming. Needless to say, it covers every aspect of the organisation of the children, staff and every aspect of the day from arrangements for drop off, pick up, lunches, cleaning, behaviour, use of corridors, sanitizing, social distancing, distressed children and their parents, toilets, equipment and hundreds of other factors.

At this stage we think it is best to prepare you for some fundamentals and particularly to let you know what will not be happening on 1st June 2020. The schedule is being guided by the East Riding of Yorkshire Local Authority. I am also mindful not to send plans, which I have to then change.

GENERAL

- There will be staggered start and finish times for different groups of children.
- There will be clear directions even a yellow path, for the movement of parents around the site, which will be mandatory. In fact repeated failure to follow the system could lead to a place being withdrawn.
- Parents will stand on stars painted on the playground keeping parents socially distant and there will be a formal visual hand over, during which parents will stand still. This will take longer than normal.
- Only one parent/carer can enter the site per child. Older siblings cannot enter. Parents with toddlers will have to keep them by their side at all times.
- Provision will be made for child minders with larger groups of children.
- Parents do not have to send their child(ren) back to school if an offer is extended.
- Any pupil or member of staff displaying symptoms of Covid 19 will lead to the immediate closure of the family bubble for 14 days or less if a test is taken and a negative result is confirmed. Tests are now available for anyone 5 years or older.
- Breakfast and After-School Club is suspended as it cannot be safely staffed.
- Due to the situation we and other schools are in, we are unable to provide hot meals. We therefore ask that you send a packed lunch with your child in a named and sealed container. Families currently receiving the meal vouchers will continue to do so to help provide the packed lunch.

KEY WORKERS

- Your provision offer is still being available, though the school day for Key Workers will be from 8:15am to 3:45pm. The lunch break will be between 45 minutes and an hour.
- The registration form for key workers has been sent, we have a maximum number of places for this and the form will need to be returned.
- We are proposing to house the Key Workers' children in the Year 3/4 classroom.

NURSERY AND FOUNDATION YEAR

- Schools, having offered places for the children of Key Workers and other listed groups are to next prioritise the children of the Nursery and the Foundation Year.
- It is hoped that this will begin on Monday 1st June 2020.
- The children will be pre organised into a family bubbles of a maximum of 15 children per bubble, operating in the Foundation Year classroom and the hall. The school will be open for the FY group from 9.15am to 3:30pm with a 45 min to an hour lunchbreak and the Nursery School Day is from 9am to 3.30pm with a 45 min lunch lunchbreak.
- At this moment it is my intention and hope that the places will be full time, as this is what working parents need of the school, however there may be a need to close at lunch on a Friday or even for one day per week. Advance notice will be given.

- Parents will be given the opportunity to register for this provision. Parents will not be penalized for not sending their children back to school, but must be aware that the home learning packages will largely cease as the Foundation Stage Team will be in school teaching.
- If you are a key worker and your children are in the Nursery or Foundation Year, the children will attend a Foundation Year or Nursery family bubble.
- Parents who decide not to send their child, may change their mind, but this can only be by informing the school in advance for the Monday of any following week.
- Parents who have accepted a place, must inform the school office in the normal way if a child is not attending for any reason.

YEAR 1

- The scheduled start date for Year 1 is Monday 8th June 2020.
- This is planned to be in a similar manner to the FY children but using the Y1/2 accommodation.
- The start and finish times for the school day will be different and will be communicated shortly.
- We will communicate further if this will be full time but it is our intention to achieve this (see FY).
- There is a possibility however that due to the number of Key Worker Children, that Y1 may not be able to start on this date. However this should be clear well in advance of this date.

YEAR 6

- The scheduled start date for Year 6 is Monday 15th June 2020.
- This is planned to be in a similar manner to the FY children but using the Y5/Y6 accommodation.
- The start and finish times for the school day will be different and will be communicated shortly.
- We will communicate further if this will be full time but it is our intention to achieve this (see FY).
- There is a possibility however that due to the number of Key Worker Children, that Y6 may not be able to start on this date. However this should be clear well in advance of this date.

We appreciate that parents/carers will have hundreds of unanswered questions. Once again we thank you for your patience and understanding. We promise this is just the first of a series of letters which will give you all the information you require.

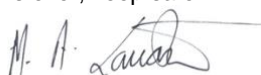
Meanwhile all our current home learning packages will continue for all our pupils so long as the year group has not been reintroduced into school.

Finally for now, we would like parents/carers to know that the overriding priority is the care of all our school community. We personally would have not chosen the order of admission, nor necessarily the chosen year groups (though Y6 would have been a priority). However, we also recognise that schools are a fundamental cog in the ability of society to get back to normal. It is therefore our duty to do all we can to support that. We will not however hesitate to cancel, delay, postpone or reverse provision if we believe the risks cannot be managed.

What we must recognise however is that this is stage 1 of returning to a new normal. We are being asked to reopen and manage the running of the school in light of a very different world to the one we left in March. Initially, this is a reflection of the apparent reduction in the risks, but secondly a reflection that all of us for the time being, need to manage our lives, families and work within the context of the virus.

Everyone, every day will have to *risk* assess his or her own practices in our own lives to protect ourselves and our loved ones. This is the new reality and will remain so until a vaccine is found. The greatest strength we all have is to manage our own risk and that of our families and children. We manage that by the way in which we reduce every risk whenever we go for a walk, a cycle ride or visit a supermarket. We manage that by our own hygiene practices at home, in the street, in the shop, in school. We manage it by the way we will strictly follow our plans in school. Please note even for those who have been coming into school over the past 8 weeks, this is going to feel very different. There is a major difference between having 3 children in school and a potential 65. So steady as she goes would seem a prudent model for all of us.

As ever, keep safe



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