



1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents

We are looking forward to seeing your child/children tomorrow and just want to give you a little more information, and a few reminders, regarding their return.

If you are using the lollipop crossing, in order to protect Sandra (our lollipop lady), children and parents, lines have been drawn on the pavement either side of the crossing where Sandra will stand. These lines are 2.5m each side of the centre of the crossing. Sandra has been asked to stand in the centre and to ask parents and children to wait behind the lines until she is ready to wave them across. Sandra has then been asked to stand back from the center of the crossing whilst in the road to allow room for parents and children to cross in front of her safely. Please can I ask you to share these new changes with your children and ensure they understand them and can observe the social distancing rules.

Once on the school premises, please observe the one way system and the new timings for our staggered start and finish. As the children move around the school following the signage tomorrow morning, adults will wait at classroom doors to let children know which class they will be in. To give you an idea of where they need to be brought to, the following year groups will be using the following classrooms:

Nursery children will be in either the Nursery unit or the Reception unit

Reception children will be in the year 1 classrooms

Year 1 will be in the year 2 classrooms, and 1 class will be in Kingfishers (a Y3 class)

Year 1 and 2 key worker children will be in Penguins (a Y2 class)

Year 3 key worker children will be in Swans (a Y3 class)

Year 4 key worker children will be in Toucans (a Y4 class)

Year 5 key worker children will be in Pelicans (a Y3 class)

Year 6 children will be spread across the Y5/ 6 classrooms, with one class in the After School Club building.

Yesterday I received a further briefing from Public Health England. It reiterates some of the information which they wanted shared with parents before any child comes back to school. I have summarised the briefing for you:

### **Symptoms**

The main symptoms of Covid 19 are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Please see the NHS website for more information on children and coronavirus:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-in-children/>



We will teach the children about the symptoms at school, and they will be asked to notify an adult straight away if they feel they have any of them.

### **What to do if your child has symptoms**

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the Covid symptoms. As per government guidance, anyone with symptoms must self-isolate for 7 days and all other members of the household must self-isolate for 14 days.

If any member of your household has symptoms, your child must self-isolate for 14 days – so they cannot attend school.

Please inform the school if your child or a member of your household has coronavirus symptoms and your child is therefore self-isolating.

If a child displays symptoms whilst at school, you will be asked to collect them immediately. Please ensure we have up to date contact details to enable us to do this. All children are now eligible for a test for coronavirus. You can request a test online at: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>.

If your child is tested, please let the school know the outcome immediately.

If a child tests positive - the rest of their group at school will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days, so will not be able to attend school for this period. The other household members of that group do not need to self-isolate unless the child they live with from that group subsequently develops symptoms.

If a child tests negative – they are able to return to school and their other household members can end their self-isolation.

Parents will be notified of any confirmed cases within their child's group (which will remain anonymous), or if there is an outbreak in the school. Parents can contact 111 for further advice if their child is displaying symptoms. As with any medical situation, parents should contact 999 if their child becomes seriously ill or their life is at risk.

In the light of the information above, please let us know if you have changed any of your contact details.

The children will be spoken to about appropriate behaviour during this period – in particular, the importance of following the new rules. It is important for parents to be aware that any behaviour which compromises the safety of others, for example children deliberately mixing with other bubbles when they are aware this is not allowed, will be taken very seriously. It would be helpful if parents could talk to their children at home about the importance of them following the rules in order to keep everyone safe.

Another precaution we are taking is keeping external visitors to the school to an absolute minimum. This means that parents should not enter the school building. If you have a query, please can we ask you to phone the school office rather than coming into school in person where possible. Classroom doors have tape lines to indicate 2m away from doors – we politely request that parents stay behind these markers when dropping off and collecting. If you would like to have a conversation with your child's teacher, please leave a message with the office and the teacher will return your call.



We are aware we have sent lots of information across different letters, so it may be helpful to summarise the key points we are asking for your assistance with. Please can we ask you to:

- Follow our one way-system around the outside of the school site
- Only send 1 adult to drop off/ collect, and avoid bringing siblings where possible
- Y6 parents are asked to wait outside the school gates if collecting rather than coming onto the site
- Stay 2m apart from other families whilst on the school site or waiting at the gates
- Stay 2m away from classroom doors when dropping off/ picking up
- Contact the school office by phone rather than coming into the building
- Adhere to the staggered start and end times for the school day
- Make arrangements for the fact that school is closed on Wednesday afternoons (except for key worker children)
- Provide your child with a packed lunch or order one from the school catering service
- Send your child with a PE kit
- Wash uniforms daily and PE kits after each use if possible
- Send your child with a pencil case that can then be kept in school (Y6 parents)
- Ensure we have your up-to-date contact details
- Follow the guidance in this letter on self-isolating, and notify the school
- Be contactable and collect your child from the school site immediately if requested to

We really do appreciate your cooperation with the above points in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. As a final thought, due to the lovely weather we are having, please remember to send your child in with a named sunhat and sun cream (already applied).

We look forward to greeting the children tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

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