

Dear Parents/Carers of Reception children,

We hope you are all safe and well and we are looking forward to seeing you on the 15<sup>th</sup> June.

The information in this letter will inform you of your protocols, procedures and measures in place to reduce risk for children who are returning to school on the 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Clothing and equipment:

- Children are not required to wear school uniform. They are welcome to wear their own clothes for the last 5 weeks of term.
- We strongly advise that all of the children's clothes are washed as soon as they get home from school. Children should wear a new set of clothes each day. (This is recommended by the Government). Please make sure the clothes your child wears can be easily taken on and off by themselves. Please no jump suits, tight jumpers, costumes/fancy dress.
- Please ensure that the clothes your child wears are suitable to the weather conditions on the day. Please also note, that children will not be given aprons to wear (eg in the paint and water areas) so therefore clothes may become messy.
- Please also provide your child with shoes that they can manage independently and will not require adult intervention (**No laces or sandals** - Velcro only).
- The only thing your child will need to bring every day is a coat with a hood and a sunhat.
- Please don't bring book bags or any objects from home (ie toys).
- On your child's first day, please bring their water bottle (filled with tap water.) We will then keep their bottle in school and we will wash it every day and refill with water.
- Please ensure you thoroughly apply sun cream of a high factor to your child before they come to school. **We are NOT able to apply sun cream to the children in school.**
- Please do not bring your child's book bag to school, as we are not sending homework or reading books home.
- If your child has frequent toilet accidents, please bring some spare clothes to leave on their peg in a carrier bag.

### Arrivals:

- Arrive with your child at 8.45am prompt.
- Follow the path round to the unit as usual, observing the 2 metre markings and one way system.
- You will have a 10 minute window to drop your child off in the mornings. If you are running late, you **must** ring the school office and they will give you a time slot for you to drop your child off (this will be at the main office not the classroom door).
- Furthermore, if your child is finding it difficult to separate from you in the morning, under these circumstances unfortunately we wouldn't be able to intervene as we usually would and you will have to take your child home and try again the next day.
- We will not be able to talk to parents/carers in the mornings or at home time. If there is anything you wish to discuss, you will have to ring school to make a telephone appointment.

### Bubbles

- We will be splitting the children in 'Bubbles'. You will be notified which bubble they will be in next week.
- The bubbles are small groups of children formulated to minimise mixing with other children and staff. The bubbles will be a mixture of both Reception classes and Unit staff.
- Within the bubbles we cannot expect social distancing all the time especially with small children, but where possible we will do it and encourage to try and distance.
- The rooms will not look the way you remember them. Unfortunately, as you will understand, we have had to dramatically reduce, rearrange and reorganised the furniture and equipment to support our aim to minimise risk.
- There will be a small amount of equipment on offer to each bubble which will be shared by all the children.
- Equipment will be washed regularly, as will surfaces, furniture and toilets.
- Outdoor play times will be staggered so each bubble gets a turn but the climbing frames will be closed. Equipment will be minimised.

#### Bubble 1

- Your child will be based in the Nursery side of the Unit.
- Please make your way to the Nursery door, and queue up on the floor markings.
- When you are at the front of the queue, please stay on the spot to say goodbye to your child and wait until they have entered before you move on through the one way system.
- You will leave school by following the one way system, through the Unit outdoor area and through the top gate. You will go down the steps on to the Infant playground and follow it round the back of school. Follow the arrows and signs.
- This will be the same when you collect your child at home time.

#### Bubble 2

- Your child will be based in the Reception side of the Unit.
- Please walk around the back of the Unit outdoor area and through the top gate next to the usual reception entrance.
- Please queue against the wall on the floor markings.
- When you are at the front of the queue, please stay on the spot to say goodbye to your child and wait until they have entered before you move on through the one way system.
- When leaving, please go through the top gate. You will go down the steps on to the Infant playground and follow it round the back of school. Follow the arrows and signs.
- This will be the same when you collect your child at home time.

#### Timetable

- Our daily timetable will consist of group activities, free play, either indoors or out, and regular handwashing.
- When in groups, children will be spaced out and activities will be varied, with a big focus on well-being, hygiene, and understanding of new rules.
- We aim to be outside as much as we can. Again, please make sure our child is dressed appropriately with coats and sun hats (and sun cream).

#### Lunch time

- Children are welcome to bring a packed lunch if they would like.
- The kitchen will be offering cold lunches only (which are free as your child is in Reception).
- Lunches will be eaten in the classrooms or outside as a picnic.

Illness/ Covid symptoms.

- If a child shows symptoms on Covid 19 whilst in school they will be taken to an isolation room which will be ventilated and will allow them to sit 2 metres away from a member of staff until they are collected.
- The member of staff with them is required to wear full PPE.
- From this point, you are required to book a test for your child and they are not allowed to return to school until you have shown us the test results.
- If your child tests positive, your household will have to self-isolate for at least 14 days.
- If a child/member of staff is sent home with symptoms, the rest of the bubble will be informed.
- If a child/member of staff is tested positive, their bubble will then have to self-isolate for 14 days. If any of the other children/members of staff in bubble then develop symptoms, they will have to have a test and are required to show school the results.

There will be photos of our Unit put on Seesaw shortly for you to share with your child.

We hope you see you on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Foundation Team.