

WORK HARD, BE KIND

**Dear Parent/Carers** 

What a very exciting start to this half term we have had.

On Wednesday we got to welcome our year ones back to school. It was lovely to see them again. Although not everyone in year one has returned to school yet we are hoping that as more families get to hear about all the measures we have put in place they will feel reassured enough to send their child back to school. However, the school will of course continue to respect decisions parent/carers make.

### **Key-worker Provision**

This provision must continue. Two class bases have been allocated for this provisionallowing a maximum of twenty children to access this.

However, if more key workers require this provision this will delay or reshape the phased reopening to different year groups. I would therefore like to remind all key-workers that access to this provision should be a last resort, if there is no-one else to have your child/ren. If you require your child/ren to access this provision please complete a booking request via our school website: it's the education provision register tab on our home page,that you need.

# **Phased Return**

This phased approach will be under constant review. The success of it will rely on the following:

- Protocols and procedures in place being implemented correctly
- The school having sufficient staff to provide key-worker provision and teach identified year groups in school
- Parents working with us by adhering to strict protocols for drop off/pick up times
- All stakeholders understanding that 'normal' school hours will not apply and adhering to the times each year group will be given.

Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June school will be welcoming our Reception Class back. The decision has been made to only offer afternoon learning sessions at the moment. This is so that our reception children will not be too overwhelmed by all the changes. We want all of our children on their return to feel happy, comfortable and safe.

Further information relating to start/finish times, drop off/ pick up times and other protocols will be given on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June school will be welcoming our Year 6 and Year 5 back. A survey will be sent next week so that the school can plan appropriately.

# Additional information you need to know:

- We will not be able to offer breakfast club or our wrap around after-school care
- No parents will be allowed into school

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- The member of staff teaching each bubble may not be your child's current teacher
- Each bubble will be given a designated time to arrive. If you miss that time you will not be able to drop your child off until all other children are safely in school
- Within each bubble every child will be given a set place to sit and they will only use the equipment supplied by the school
- Children will be required to stay in their place apart from when they need the toilet
- All children will be required to bring their own water bottle
- Staff will be issued with PPE and will wear this if they choose to
- All areas will be deep cleaned at the end of each bubble's allocated time
- Children will be required to wash their hands frequently while in school
- During the 'new school' day there will be no unstructured times eg break-times. However, children will be going outside for some fresh air and exercise
- Children will not be required to wear their uniform. They will need to be wearing a clean set of clothes each day.
- Timings of the 'new school' day and the time in which your child is in school may vary, dependent on number of children in school and year groups we are asked to welcome back

#### **Home Learning**

For those year groups and children, currently not in school all teachers will continue to provide learning during term time.

Home learning can be accessed either via your child's class page on our school website or paper-based packs.

If your child requires a paper based pack it is important that you contact school so that we can deliver one to you.

Teaching staff will of course continue to maintain contact with their classes through phone calls and emails.

Please be mindful that as our provision in school for additional groups of pupils widens your child's teacher may be in school teaching a group of children so will not have the opportunity to reply to emails as quickly as they may have done previously.

#### #Thankourchildren

A big thank you to the families that nominated their child/ren for the #thankourchildren Certificate of Achievement from the Lord-Lieutenant of Nottingham, police and Fire service. A little reminder that it would be wonderful if all of our children received this certificate. So please keep emailing us to tell us why your child should receive one. For example not only are they doing what has been asked of them during this lockdown but are showing great resilience and determination with it too- still adhering to our mantra 'Work hard. Be Kind.' I promise to get one out to them as quickly as possible.

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### Keeping in Touch

A little reminder that while school continues to remain closed for some year groups we will maintain contact with you through phone calls. So please do not be alarmed when a member of staff gives you a call.

This is a great opportunity for the children to have a catch-up with their class teacher, as we are missing the children as much as they are missing us.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Stay safe and positive.

Mrs Smith (Head of School)

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