



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

The purpose of this letter is to try and give you an idea of how very different school is going to be when you return on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Firstly, due to the numbers of children returning to school and the importance of regular deep cleaning, initially we will only have 2 classes of children.

- The Lower School Class which will be all children from Preschool, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These children will be based in Class 2 in the main school building.
- The Upper School Class will be all children from Years 6,5,4 and 3 These children will be based in Class 4.

The other important thing to note is that you may not see your own Class Teacher or Preschool Adult every day or even every week because Teaching Staff will be working on a rota based system and also some members of staff are unable to return to school just yet. Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Preschool Staff will continue to support those children who are still learning from home, as well as those children who are coming in to school.

The advice we have been given from the Department for Education is that children will spend the day in small groups - a 'bubble' of no more than 15 children and will stay with the same adults all day, and in fact all week. Within this Bubble, the guidance suggests, children do not have to maintain a 2m social distance from each other, or the adults, but that it should be encouraged. Therefore, we will encourage social distancing, by spacing out tables, for example. The guidance suggests that maintaining regular handwashing, cleaning frequently touched surfaces and ensuring good respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it) are stringent enough measures to prevent the spread of the virus within the Bubble. Where possible, we will try and maintain some distance between children within the Bubble.

**Children, or any members of children's families, who display symptoms of Coronavirus should not come to school at all and should isolate for 14 days. Anyone over 5 is also now eligible for Covid-19 tests if they are displaying symptoms.**

Children will either be in the Lower School Bubble or the Upper School Bubble. The two Bubbles will not mix at any time during the school day.



In order to ensure social distancing when arriving to drop off or collect children, we will be using the following procedures:

- 2m distances marked along the school path and the pavement outside. **We are asking that parents maintain these 2m gaps at all times whilst waiting to drop off or pick up children.**
- Only 1 parent/carer should bring and collect their child/children.
- After dropping off or collecting children, parents and carers to exit the school via the big double gate. **We ask that you do not convene at the school gates as this may impact social distancing.**

Apple Tree gate, the Preschool gate and the Football Field gate are not to be used as access points and will be locked.

We ask that parents do not enter the school building during drop off or collection points to ensure minimal contact with school staff.

We will be staggering the arrival and pick up times for all children.

- Children in the Upper School Class are to arrive at 9:00.
- Children in the Lower School Class are to arrive at 9:15.
- Families with children in both classes are to arrive at 9:00.

At the end of the day:

- Lower School Class children are to be picked up at 3:15
- Upper School Class children are to be picked up at 3:30.
- Families with children in both classes are to be picked up at 3:30.

We will also be staggering break and lunch times to ensure that the Bubbles do not mix.

I would encourage you to talk to your child/children about how different school will look to minimise the impact when returning to school. Myself and the other Teachers will be preparing the two classrooms over half term. Once we have done this, I will send you pictures of the classrooms so you can show your child/children and talk to them about this.

As I previously mentioned in an email to you, we will have a Non-Pupil Day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The purpose of this is to prepare staff for the changes in school routines and procedures.

Whether or not you answered yes or no to our original questionnaire about sending your child back to school, you are entitled to change your mind. We do ask that if you decide to send your child back to school at a later stage that you give us a week's notice so that we can prepare for any changes to ratios of staff that this might cause.

If you have any questions about returning to school, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind Regards,  
Lucy Ratcliffe

