

18 June 2020

Dear parents and carers

### **Re-opening school to Year 5 pupils - 29 June 2020**

We sent out a parent survey last week asking whether you intended to send your child back to school if we can re-open for more pupils. Thank you to those who have replied. We all know this is a difficult decision. **I am now writing to tell you what will be in place if your child returns on 29 June.**

Whilst we cannot guarantee a 100% protection from Covid-19, the Government believes that there is high scientific confidence that children have less severe symptoms than adults if they do contract the virus. We have completed a comprehensive risk assessment (available on our website) which includes the following safeguards:

- A rigorous daily clean of the whole school
- Regular handwashing for at least 20 seconds – **liquid soap and hand moisturiser will be available for washing in the classrooms and toilets**
- The Government states that PPE such as masks are unnecessary
- Closing of water fountains – **please send a refillable water bottle in with your child**
- A reduction of personal possessions in school – **no PE kits**, pupils to have their own pencil cases – **if your child brought this home for home learning please send it back in with your child. Packed lunches are allowed and will be kept in classrooms.**

Pupils will be given staggered times to arrive and leave. Pupils will wait outside the school gate and staff will be on duty to supervise at the start of the day. Parents and carers cannot enter the playground or school building. There will be no breakfast or after school provision (no after school clubs or Suffolks tea-time club). Monday-Thursday will operate as “full days” with staggered times, but on Friday pupils will leave at lunchtime, to allow teachers time to prepare and plan lessons and for thorough cleaning to take place ready for the following week.

- Children in each class will remain with their group (their “protective bubble”) with the same members of staff throughout the day including playtime and lunches. They will not be playing or interacting with other groups. **Bubbles will have a maximum of 15 pupils**
- Groups will enter the building by different labelled doors
- Children will be spaced wide apart at individual desks
- Lots of lessons to take place outside
- Children should wear their own clothes (**not uniform**) every day
- Mobile phones will be placed in named envelopes and kept in the classroom
- The Pantry will supply hot lunches for those who pay or for those who are entitled to Free School Meals Mondays-Thursdays and there will be a takeaway packed lunch on Fridays
- If your child comes to school and has been receiving free school meal vouchers, **these will stop**

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For Year 5 pupils who do not attend school, **light touch** distance learning will be provided through SeeSaw or paper copies. As teachers will be planning and teaching, we will make more use of the Government's Oak Academy lessons, BBC Bitesize and other online resources.

The first couple of weeks in school will concentrate on re-establishing routines, PHSE lessons to reassure pupils, physical exercise and English and Maths lessons.

**If you have not completed the survey, please do so by 12 noon tomorrow.** If you have difficulties please ring the school office and inform us of your decision. **If we do not hear from you, we will assume you do not want a place for your child this term.** If you do decide against a return to school, the Government has said you will not be fined, nor referred to the Educational Welfare Service.

**If you do decide to send your child to school, I will send you another letter early next week, which will give more details, including start and finish times.**

Stay safe, keep healthy and look after yourselves and your family.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher