

Wednesday 3rd June

Phased return for pupils

Dear Parents,

As you will have read in my last letter to you, the Government has urged a '*cautious and phased return*' for pupils. We will be offering a carefully managed and phased return to school for the children in the identified year groups - Reception (Early Years) and Year 1. This will be in addition to our keyworker children who have been attending daily since March 23rd.

There have been many changes to both the physical layout of the building and the procedures we follow in school. All of these are to minimise the risk to children and staff. These systems have been put in place to minimise the risk from the virus by keeping children in protected groups known as 'bubbles'. This is the method proposed by the government for social distancing in schools. The government does not expect us to keep the younger children 2m apart from each other but are asking us to limit their contact with others whilst also adopting rigorous hand and respiratory hygiene. We will be adopting the model proposed by the government and their medical advisors of keeping children in a 'family' group or 'bubble' of not more than 15.

From **Monday 8th June** we are inviting children in Kingfisher, Goldfinch and Woodpecker Class to return to school. The classes have been split into two and you will receive a text later this week confirming the class bubble that your child will join.

Year 1 will return once we are confident of the safe return of children in Early Years and should **wait** to receive a text confirming the start date.

*Please note, the Government recognises that the return of pupils is parental choice. You will **not** be fined if you choose to keep your child at home.*

Each group will:

- have at least one member of staff who will work with them and no other group of children;
- remain apart from children in other groups/bubbles during their time at school;
- have their own desk space and equipment where appropriate although this will be adapted with our younger children
- be allocated a single classroom space as their own which children and staff from other bubbles/groups will not enter
- wear a wristband each day to identify their class bubble
- have an outdoor area allocated to them so they can have playtime outside without coming into contact with children in other bubbles.

Please refer to my letter dated May 28th for further details regarding the Step Approach

There are some very clear rules and expectations for children returning:

- All children must be brought to and picked up from school by **one adult only**. Children should be taken to their own entrance using the social distancing markers. Staff will be available to direct parents and children. Children should **not** wear school uniform. Please ensure that children wear sensible footwear so they can play and work outside. We ask you to shower your child as soon as they get home and wash their clothes. To help prevent the spread of the virus, children should not wear the same clothes two days in a row.
- Parents will only be allowed in school by appointment. Please email or ring the school if you have any concerns and a member of staff will aim to contact you as soon as possible.
- Children should bring a packed lunch box and a coat, if required, but nothing else – **no toys** at all please.

Any deliberate spitting, coughing or biting will not be tolerated. Any child who refuses to remain in their Class Bubble will be sent home in the interests of safety for everyone.

Organisation for pupils in Early Years

Playground Zone	Class name	Adults in Bubble	Wristband colour	First Aider	Location
	Goldfinch 1	Miss Cresswell, Mrs Overy	Yellow	SO	Goldfinch Rm
	Goldfinch 2	Mrs Williams, Miss Aldred	Orange	KW	Kingfisher Rm
	Woodpecker 1	Miss Bingley, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Ingle	Pink	SI	Woodpecker Rm
	Woodpecker 2	Mrs Brown, Mrs Spicer, Mrs Malyon	Purple	SB	Flamingo Rm
	Kingfisher 1	Mrs Phelan, Mrs Campbell	Red	LP/KC	Toucan Rm
	Kingfisher 2	Mrs Moore, Miss Pavitt,	Blue	KP	Penguin Rm
	Key Worker 2	Miss Payne	None	AF	Mezzanine Back

Children should wash their hands on entry to school and throughout the day. Cleaning will take place regularly throughout the day. Resources for learning will be kept within the bubble and cleaned regularly. Doors and windows will be kept open to improve ventilation. **At Playtimes**, Children will play within their bubble in a designated coloured zone. They will not play with another bubble.

Every **Wednesday afternoon**, each classroom bubble will be thoroughly cleaned. For this reason, **ALL children** will need to be collected **by 1.00pm (GF1,WP1,KF1 at 12.45 pm promptly and GF2,WP2, KF2, KW2 at 1pm promptly)**. Any children of Keyworkers who are unable to make alternative arrangements should contact the school office in advance to discuss other options.

Staggered starts & ends: These times must be followed explicitly please. Parents should enter through the usual gate and exit via Cardiff Road gate. Parents should not enter the school building.

Timings:

Class	Start Time	Hometime	Entry Point
Key Worker 2	8.45	3.00	End door near gate via ramp
Goldfinch 1	8.45 – 9.00	2.45	Classroom door
Woodpecker 1			Classroom door
Kingfisher 1			Classroom door
Goldfinch 2	9.00 – 9.15	3.00	Classroom door
Woodpecker 2			Classroom door
Kingfisher 2			Boys Toilet Glazed door

Timings for Year 1 will be agreed once Step 1 and 2 have been implemented.

Home learning will continue to be available as usual for those children in Years 1 and 2 and for those in Early Years who that do not come to school - this can be accessed on the website.

Thank you all for your continued support and understanding. Our main priority is of course the safety of all our pupils, staff and community and I am grateful to you all for your cooperation and understanding at this time.

With best wishes,

Mrs J Cooper
Headteacher