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Dear Parents and Carers,



Many thanks to the majority of you who have taken the time to complete our short survey.

I appreciate that like us, you will have many additional questions you would like answering. Please understand that we are not in a position to answer all of these just yet, but we are working through many of them and hope to give you more information as soon as we are ready to.

Over the last 2 days, we have received an overwhelming number of emails and phone calls from many of you requesting additional information to help you make a more informed decision in the survey. I totally understand this, but unfortunately, we have not had the capacity to respond to so many of you personally, especially whilst we are still working through the detailed plans ourselves.

As an alternative, I have decided it might be helpful to answer some of the most frequently asked questions as best as we can at this stage. These are written for you below. Please be assured that although we are not ready to share all the details of the arrangements and health and safety information just yet, preparing these are our highest priority. We will only go through with a wider reopening of the school if it is deemed safe to in these circumstances.

The survey deadline has now been extended until 6pm today for those of you who have not yet responded.

FAQ's

- **If our child does not attend initially from the 1st June, are we able to change our decision so our child attends at a later date in the term?**



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Yes that is fine. The survey is only being used to seek the views of parents and carers at this stage to help us prepare. We are planning inclusive provision for all children in the identified year groups.

- Please can I seek clarification of one point “Only one adult per household will be able to drop off and collect their child.”

It doesn't matter who attends to drop off and collect the children, we are just asking that parents and carers do not come together in order to keep the number of adults on the playgrounds to a minimum.

- How will the ‘bubble’ groups be organised. Will friendships be considered?

Each class will be divided into two ‘bubbles’. Classes will not be mixed. The ‘bubble’ groups will be decided by their class teacher who know the children best in a school context. They will use their professional judgement to make the best decisions and consider a wide range of factors. Please do not contact your teacher to make personal requests.

- Will my child be with their usual teacher/teaching assistant?

As the classes are divided in two, it is therefore not possible for all the children to have their own current teacher as well. At this stage however, our intention is that each ‘bubble’ will have a teacher and a teaching assistant. If your child is not with their usual teacher, we are planning for them to have a teaching assistant who they know in their ‘bubble’.

- Will the curriculum be taught?

Although it will not be the same teaching and learning in place before the lockdown, the teachers will be teaching as much of the year group curriculum in a fun and engaging way as they can.



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- If my child stays at home, will we receive the same online home learning and use of Seesaw/Tapestry communication with the teacher?

For the identified year groups who will be able to attend school, it will not be possible to continue the home learning online in the same way we have since lockdown. The home learning will continue for the other year groups not in school and for the Early Years children if they are not in full time. Please note, that as all the teachers are required to be in school teaching 'bubble' groups, the use of Seesaw and Tapestry by the teachers will not be at the same level for any year group children.

- What happens if the date for returning is changed by the government?

If this happens, we will have the same plan but change the dates. We will inform parents as soon as possible if this happens. Whether the wider reopening happens or not on the 1st June, our keyworker and vulnerable reorganised provision will still go ahead.

- How will the toileting be organised?

Toilets and sinks will be allocated to each 'bubble' and labelled clearly. All children will be escorted to the toilet to ensure they do not mix with other children on the corridor and that they use the correct toilet and sink facilities allocated to their 'bubble'. There will also be additional cleaning of these facilities during the day.

- Will staff be required to wear PPE equipment?

As stated by the government, it will not be necessary or required that staff use PPE equipment while they are in school. They do however, have the choice to do so if they wish. As mentioned in my previous letter, other strict hygiene and more effective measures for our situation will be in place to ensure the highest health and safety standards possible.



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I hope this helps with some of your many questions. I understand you will have more questions that we have not answered yet and apologise that we are not able to respond individually to you all at this time. Please be patient with us and wait until we have more detailed information to share with you. We are working under extreme pressure to ensure everything necessary is in place and on time

Take care and stay safe.

Liz Hardy and the Senior Leadership Team

Liz Hardy
Headteacher