



29th May 2020

WPS Update

Good afternoon everyone, I sincerely hope you are all safe and well.

I am sure you will have followed the Prime Minister's COVID-19 briefing yesterday evening. The announcement confirmed the Phased Re-opening of Primary Schools from June 1<sup>st</sup> for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils only. I would like to confirm the WPS arrangements for this, which have been shared with you previously.

Thank you very much for your co-operation regarding the Parent/Carer Phased Return Survey which closed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. The key question we asked was:

3. My child will be attending WPS on the proposed return date.
- Yes
  - No - Not at this time but will be reviewing this
  - No - Not at all, my child will not return to WPS before September

#### **Yes Return:**

If you answered Yes – a place has been arranged in the Phased Return Year Groups and we will expect your child/children to attend from the dates indicated below. School will telephone you to confirm this on Monday/Tuesday and provide further information. Pupil Bubble lists have been created for admission onto the school site and must be strictly adhered to, to ensure the School is able to safely operate in line with our Risk Assessment. Your co-operation regarding this is greatly appreciated.

#### **For all No returns or nil returns:**

A place has NOT been made available at this time.

We completely understand this, however, if you decide subsequently that you do wish to take a place for your child, School will need notice of this to ensure the Bubble is appropriately arranged. In the first instance you should contact the school office. Your child will be placed into the next available Bubble. The School requires at least 2 clear working days to facilitate this and will confirm the arrangements directly with you. **Where Staffing levels mean this is not possible (Staff illness or 14 day self-isolation from Test and Trace) School will inform you of the intended earliest start date for your child.** Your co-operation regarding this is greatly appreciated.

**Lunch arrangements** – if you responded Yes to a Key Stage 1 Universal Infant Free School Meal, a packed lunch will be made available. If you are in receipt of a Free School Meal – EDENRED Vouchers remain in place enabling a home packed lunch for your child/children. The School kitchen remains closed for all other meal provision at this time.

From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June WPS will be open for a staggered return as detailed below:

**1<sup>st</sup> June** – Critical Worker and Vulnerable children ONLY (8.45am – 2.30pm).

**2<sup>nd</sup> June** - Critical Worker and Vulnerable children ONLY (8.45am – 2.30pm).

**3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Critical Worker/Vulnerable children (8.45am – 2.30pm) **AND** Reception Bubble children (8.45-2.00pm) ONLY.

**4<sup>th</sup> June** - Critical Worker/Vulnerable (08.45am – 2.30pm) / Reception Bubble children (8.45-2.00pm) as before **AND** Year 1 (9.00am – 2.10pm) Bubble children **AND** Year 6 (0845 – 2.20pm) Bubble children.

**5<sup>th</sup> June** - Critical Worker/Vulnerable (08.45am – 2.30pm) and Reception Bubble children (8.45-2.00pm) as before **AND** Year 1 (9.00am – 2.10pm) Bubble children **AND** Year 6 (0845 – 2.20pm) Bubble children.

**From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** the arrangements remain as for the 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> June - Critical Worker/Vulnerable (08.45am – 2.30pm) and Reception Bubble children (8.45-2.00pm) as before with Year 1 (9.00am – 2.10pm) Bubble children and Year 6 (0845 – 2.20pm) Bubble children.

The timings of the day for each group enable some segregation and pinch points at gated access points. We must also allow for the wider cleaning to be completed across the whole site. This will also allow Staff to plan and prepare for the next day ensuring the safety for all is maintained. Your co-operation regarding this is very much appreciated.

All access areas, will have RED SPOT 2m social distancing marking and RED ARROW direction marking and we ask everyone to responsibly observe this. Parents/Carers dropping and picking up children please limit this to one as this will minimize the traffic onto and off the school site.

We have arranged New Learning Groups or Bubbles to enable the groups of children and their allocated adults to remain consistent. A requested place will be on **a full time basis**. We have done this because:

- Creating a 'bubble' approach is recommended by scientists to keep the number of interactions to a minimum.
- To enable the curriculum, including guided groups, to be taught consistently.
- So that other children have some stability in their learning group.
- So that the kitchen staff can order and plan school lunches accurately.

All of the above relies on our Staff remaining fit and well. In the event of a member of staff falling ill with a confirmed COVID-19 case or unable to be in school for other health reasons – the Bubble will close for the recommended period. This means all children in the affected Bubble must remain at home – we must observe this to ensure the safety of all involved.

In line with the Government guidance: All other **Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 children must remain at home and access Home Learning**. WPS Home Learning, Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize is available for home learning.

I hope the above is a useful update for you – there is a great deal to process and understand. I appreciate there will be many of you with children in Y2-Y5 who may well be looking forward to an increased return. School will follow the Government guidance and keep you updated as far as we can. We will be keeping in touch through Updates and Learning Away from School links which have been established.

Thank you very much for your continued support, we remain to be here for you all at this complex time.

I do wish you all a safe and happy weekend. Please do once again say a Huge hello to the children from me. We have all been required to follow Government COVID-19 direction and with this latest review we must all remain vigilant and follow the new guidelines to stay safe. You are all very much in my thoughts.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Wilding  
Headteacher