



19 May 2020

Dear Parents,

Re: Government requests for schools to reopen from 1st June

As you are all aware the Government have asked schools to reopen for children in Year 6 from 1st June 2020 and since the announcement I have been working with the school leadership to look at how we can logistically and safely bring potentially 95 children back into school, alongside the children who have continued to be in school as Keyworker families.

We have undertaken extensive planning and risk assessments to enable this to happen and to reassure you that we are putting into place substantial changes to keep the children and staff as safe as we can in the current climate. The Government have admitted that we cannot remove all risks, but we do feel that with the measures that we are going to be operating under, then we will be able to minimize these.

This is not an exhaustive list, but some of the key measures include:

- Staggered three day familiarization period for each class so that they can really understand and learn the new hygiene and safe distancing measures that will be in place in school throughout the school day and there are additional staff free to ensure that these changes are kept to.
- Classes split into two smaller groups and classes, taught by their class teacher and one other teacher and teaching assistant. The class will be taught by these adults the vast majority of the time throughout the week.
- During break time and lunch time the children will be limited to playing in their smaller class groups, therefore we will look carefully at which children are in their class to ensure they can play with some of their friends.
- Children will be given a set place and their own equipment, this will be one child per table.
- Hand washing and disinfecting tables will be undertaken regularly throughout the day and children will be supervised on hand washing and toilets will be manned from the outside of the door during break and lunchtimes to ensure one child in the toilet at a time.
- Staggered school day for each class to ensure that they arrive and leave the school maintaining social distancing.
- Children will need to be brought to school by an adult and collected.
- All children will be temperature checked and hands sanitized as they enter the school gates, if the child has a temperature above 38°C then they will not be able to enter school. Staff will also be temperature checked at the start of each day
- Parents- we would ask that each morning you temperature check your child and if they have a temperature of above 38°C then you keep them at home and ring us to let us know. (This is an additional measure to the temperature checks as they enter the school)
- If your child is displaying any of the symptoms of COVID 19 (persistent cough, increase in temperature, loss of taste or smell) then they will be treated as suspected COVID 19 and if your child starts to display these symptoms at home then they should not be sent into school. The school should be informed that this is the reason why your child is not in school.
- Parents who have more than one child in Year 6 will be asked for their children to attend school and be in the same class together.

- Only a lunchbox, water bottle and hat should be brought to school, school meals will be available, but with a more limited menu.
- Breakfast club will be available each day, but no after school facility.
- Staff will wear gloves at all times and if children need to visit the medical room then the first aider and child will be asked to wear a mask and visor for additional protection for both the child and the adult.
- Staff have been given the option to wear additional PPE, this is to enable them to feel safe and be as protected as they feel they need.
- The school has set up a medical isolation room, this will be used if your child is displaying any of the COVID 19 symptoms and you will be called immediately so please ensure that we have up to date contacts for yourself. Your child will need to take the test and gain a negative outcome before returning to school.
- Children will not need to wear uniform, but we would ask that the children wear different clothes each day to reduce contamination opportunities. The clothes will need to be suitable for school, (including safe footwear)
- Mobile phones at not to be brought into school at all (this is to reduce contamination risks due to the way that they are stored and collected in).
- If the school does incur a COVID 19 positive case then we will follow Local Authority and Government guidelines, we will inform all families and will expect all to self-isolate for 14 days. During this time school will be closed and professionally deep cleaned.
- The school will be operating a zero tolerance policy on behaviour, if your child shows that they are purposely breaking social distancing rule, leaving the designated space without prior agreement or purposely putting other children at risk e.g. pretend coughing/spitting/purposely touching others, then they will be isolated and you will be called to collect them and they will not be able to continue attending school and will need to continue with home learning.

If your child comes under the groups of keyworker and also Year 6 then they will be welcome throughout the Induction period but will be taught in a Year 6 Keyworker group so as not to increase risk mixing with the other class groups that will be in.

These measures will mean that the school will feel different, however we have found, having had the Keyworker children in throughout the Lockdown that the children have adapted to these measures and although the school routines feel a little peculiar, the staff are still being their upbeat and positive selves. In fact we have really made the most of getting to know the children really well.

Year 6 teaching teams	Adult	Class base
Year 6- Dali group 1	Mrs Potter	Glennie
Year 6- Dali group 2	Miss Parker	Sheeran
Dali Teaching Assistant working within a set class	Ms Senior	
Year 6- Picasso group 1	Mrs Homewood & Mrs Mettrick	Picasso
Year 6- Picasso group 2	Miss Zeal	Dali
Picasso Teaching Assistant working within a set class	Mrs Parker	
Year 6- Kidston group 1	Miss Shrubsole	Kidston
Year 6- Kidston group 2	Mrs Merrills & Mrs Priest	Beatles
Kidston Teaching Assistant working within a set class	Mrs Handel	
Year 6 PPA cover	Mrs Steele/BRS	Hall/Outside
Wellbeing support	Mrs Page & Mrs Johnson	Curie
SEND/EHCP	Mrs Smithson	Redgrave

Year 6 Induction days

Monday 1st- Wednesday 3rd June- Just Picasso class are welcomed in to school arriving at 10.00am

Thursday 4th- Monday 8th June- Just Kidston class are welcomed in to school arriving at 9.35am

Tuesday 9th-Thursday 11th June- Just Dali class are welcomed in to school arriving at 9.10am

Monday 15th June- all classes are welcomed in with staggered day in operation.

These Induction days are crucial in enabling the children to learn the new rules/expectations and enable staff to feel confident in carrying out all of the safety routines and new roles that they will be asked to undertake.

Day Structure

Group	Start of day	Break time	Lunch	Afternoon break	Finish
Keyworker children Year 3,4 and 5	8.40-8.50 enter via the courtyard	10.10-10.25	11.50-12.10 eating in hall Play until 12.50	2.00-2.15 (different area than lunch play)	3.20 exit courtyard gate
Year 6- Dali (group 1 and group 2)	9.10 enter via the playground doors near reception	10.35-10.50	12.20-12.40 eating in the hall Play until 1.20	2.10-2.25 (different area than lunch play)	3.10 exit playground gate
Year 6- Kidston (group 1 and group 2)	9.35 enter via the playground doors near reception	11.00-11.15	12.50- 1.10 eating in the hall Play until 1.50	2.40-2.55 (on field)	3.35 exit playground gate
Year 6- Picasso (group 1 and group 2)	10.00 enter via the courtyard	11.25-11.40	1.20-1.40 eating in hall Play until 2.20	3.10-3.25 (on field)	4.00 exit courtyard exit

The curriculum will focus on securing aspects of learning that will be key for them to know ready for secondary school, transition units looking at moving on and Mr Massimino will be undertaking a secondary school transition meeting with them all on the school field. The transition units will focus on the study of the book called Wonder, this is normally a book that they start with at Ringwood Academy so we have been asked to start this with the children. We will look to spend time with them on creative projects, sports and use this as a time to support them emotionally in this changing world that we find ourselves in and help them to create lovely memories before they leave. Please note that whilst we will do our best to monitor and mark Google Classroom this will be a lot less as teachers will be in school planning and working with the Year 6 children who are in and also teaching the Keyworker classes. Zoom meets for Year 6 will also not be continuing.

Today I will be sending out a Google Docs questionnaire for you to complete by Friday 22nd May, on this I would really appreciate if you would inform us as to whether your child will or won't be returning to school. I understand that some families are needing to shield and that even with all the measures I have listed, the risk may still be too high. If this is the case please do use your Google Docs questionnaire to inform us of this so that we can continue to support you remotely.

My final thoughts on these measures is simply to say that we have really thought through how we can do this as safely as we can. I have refrained from writing sooner as I wanted to write with knowledge and a clear way forwards. I have read large amounts of guidance, I have listened and continue to listen to the British Medical Association and Teaching Unions and trying to make sense of it all. We will of course review dates and move this plan back should the reinfection rate 'R' number increase over the next two weeks and should this be the case then this will be a decision led by Government.

I am in school all of this week so please do not hesitate to ring and speak to me should you need further clarification on any of the points I have laid out. I hope you are all safe and well.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Jo Walker

Headteacher

