



Headteacher: **Mrs J Slack**

SCHOOL OPENING

Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Many thanks if you completed the survey indicating whether you were sending your child back to school.

We now know the numbers of children that will be in school, so will be sorting out the finer details over the next couple of days and communicating this to you by Wednesday of next week.

If you have not made contact with us regarding a place, we have assumed that you **DO NOT** want one for after June 1st. Should you change your mind after this date, please contact school. We will need at least 7 days' notice for this. This is so that we can prepare the classrooms, organise staffing and ensure that we are as safe as we can be. We will not be able to accept any parent or child that turns up on a morning. You will be asked to leave and then we will contact you as to whether you want a place and what day they can start.

If you have decided that you do not want your child in school that is your decision. The home learning will continue to take place and your child's teacher will still be responding to their work, although you will appreciate that they are in school some of the time so might not be responding as promptly.

If you have decided they are returning, then please find below further information about how we are beginning to organise this. You will understand that we are having to make difficult decisions and to enforce new rules that we would not normally have in place. We ask everyone to respect this.

We will let you know which days your child will be in. Unfortunately, we cannot accept requests from parents as to which days they will be in, although we will look at whether there are any siblings and ensure that they are in on the same day. This includes nursery.

Once days have been decided, we will not be able to change your child's day.

We will be having a staggered start and end to the day and we may be asking you to come in to school using a different entrance. Please adhere to these times, so that we can help to ensure that social distancing is maintained. It is also important that only one adult accompanies their child on to the school premises and additional siblings who are not attending are left at home with another adult if this is at all possible.

When we return, the children will be placed into smaller groups called 'bubbles'. Each bubble will have a maximum of 15 children within it and at least one member of staff. As we are creating additional groups of children, your child may not be in their usual classroom or with their usual class teacher. The 'bubbles' will always remain together and will not work or play

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with any other 'bubbles' in school. Break-times and lunch will also be within the same 'bubble' of children.

Currently, we can only offer cold packed lunches from school and all children will eat in their classrooms.

We will be writing to parents very soon with more specific details about the classes and 'bubbles'. We know that you may still have concerns and questions and we hope that we can answer as many of these as we can in our next letter.

School will look and feel very different to normal. However, we will all do our best to make your child feel happy and safe.

We all very much look forward to when school returns to normal – it is a strange time at the moment.

Kind regards

J Slack

Jo Slack

Head teacher