

Thursday 4th June 2020

Dear Parent/ Carers of Year 1,

Following our previous correspondence regarding the reopening of schools we would like to share with you the specific details for the return of your child to school. Please read this information alongside the letter we issued on Wednesday 27th May as well as our Questions and Answer sheet.

After successfully welcoming back our year 6 pupils this week we are pleased to confirm that we will open on **Tuesday 9th June for Year 1.**

It is extremely important to remember that no child displaying symptoms of the virus (or who is living with a member of the household who is displaying symptoms) should be sent to school.

The chart below outlines specific guidance for you and your child regarding their phased return:

	GUIDELINES THAT NEED TO BE FOLLOWED
<p>YOUR CHILD SHOULD ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AT 9.00am (Please ensure you arrive as near to this time as possible. We understand that if you use public transport it may be more challenging, but if you walk to school then please do not arrive at school earlier. We do not want children / families waiting outside the school gates.)</p>	<p>We have a one way system in place for dropping off and collecting pupils Please enter the school gates on Commerell Street. THIS WILL BE THE WAY IN ONLY. Once you have dropped off your child you will leave via the gate on Blackwall Lane. Children will be greeted by members of staff at the gate on the side of the cage. Their Year 1 'bubble' teacher will be waiting for them in the cage. The bell will ring at 9.05am and both groups will be led to their classrooms. This will be staggered to allow for social distancing. Parents / Carers will not be allowed onto the school grounds. Please do not drive into our car park.</p>
<p>YOUR CHILD WILL BE TAUGHT IN A 'BUBBLE' OF NO MORE THAN 15 CHILDREN AND 2 ADULTS</p>	<p>The children will find out who their teacher will be on Tuesday 9nd June. There will be two bubbles of no more than 15 children 1C) Miss Cleanthous and Miss Roberts (in the year 1 classroom) 1M) Mrs Mattin, Ms Ewusi Aikins and Miss Gayle (in the year 2 classroom). Once the children are in a bubble, they will stay in this grouping for the next six weeks unless Government guidance changes.</p>
<p>OUTDOOR TIME</p>	<p>Your child's bubble will be allocated specific times and areas to spend outside. Please be mindful of the hot weather and ensure your child comes to school with a hat; has a full water bottle and is wearing sun screen.</p>

LUNCHTIMES	As usual, your child is entitled to a free school dinner. If you prefer, they can bring a packed lunch to school but please note these will be stored in the classroom where your child will be taught. Lunchtimes will be staggered and your child will not be able to sit or play with children from other bubbles.
WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL	Children should not bring anything to school except for a water bottle and hat. They will also need to bring a packed lunch if they are not having a school dinner.
SCHOOL UNIFORM	Please send your child to school wearing their school uniform or clothes that are as close to school uniform as possible and practical. If you are having trouble finding uniform that still fits your child please contact our Home School Link Worker who may be able to help. We would recommend washing clothing worn to school every day where possible. Children will not need to bring a PE kit – they will do PE in their uniform. Please ensure that children are wearing shoes that are practical for PE and sports activities.
YOUR CHILD WILL LEAVE SCHOOL AT 2.45PM EXCEPT FOR FRIDAY AT 12.45PM (The school is closing early on a Friday to ensure that there is an enhanced clean before the next week. However regular cleaning of rooms and resources will take place throughout the day and after school.)	Children will be in a bubble of no more than 15 named 1C or 1M. Children will be dismissed one at a time from the gate at the side of the cage. If you are collecting your child , please wait outside the cage and observe the social distancing guidelines (no parent/carer should enter the school grounds). Please leave using the gate on Blackwall Lane only.

You may like to watch the following video with your child to help answer any questions they may have about returning to school:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/education-52842040/coronavirus-we-answer-kids-questions-about-going-back-to-school>

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday 9th June at 9am, however, if you feel uncomfortable about this please be assured it is your choice as to whether you send your child. There will be no penalties issued if you choose to keep your child at home during this Summer term.

We do hope you have a good weekend and are able to enjoy some of the good weather.

With best wishes,

Claire Harrison and Victoria Wainwright.

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