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Year 3 Returning to School

Last week we sent out a survey to ask parents of children in years 2, 3, 4 and 5 what their intentions would be if we were able to open those year groups to some degree. Thank you to everyone who responded.

As I am sure you understand, we are currently limited with the number of children we can have in each room because of Government guidelines. However, the number of children wishing to return is sufficiently low that we are able to welcome a group from each of the year groups mentioned above. **They are able to return to school from Monday 29th June.** As with other year groups, **they will only be in school from Monday to Thursday** as the school will be closed each Friday for a deep clean.

We are only able to admit children where we have been notified in advance. If you did not respond to last week's survey registering an interest, you must first contact the school office. You will then be contacted about a return date. **Please do not come to school with your children without letting us know first as we will not be able to admit them.**

The start of the day

The school is running a strict one-way system through the site to avoid people walking back past each other. As a result, **all children must be brought in through the bridge playground gate.** I understand that this will be frustrating for people walking from the opposite direction but it is essential. Once having entered from the bridge gate, walk to the left and across the playground. The children will go in through the middle blue door. You will then need to make your way round the left of the building and leave the site via the Lancaster Gardens gate.

Year groups will have altered start and finish times to avoid having different groups of parents on site at once. Please be as close to these times as possible and avoid being too early or too late as other year groups will be waiting. **Year 3 will need to arrive at 9.20 and will go home at 3.10. If you have two siblings who are both attending school, you should drop them both off at the later of the two times and pick them both up at the earlier of the two times.**

The end of the day

The end of the day will work in much the same way as the beginning. The one-way route will still work from the bridge playground, down the side of the building and out through the Lancaster Gardens gate. The children will come out of the same blue door that they went through in the morning. Whilst waiting to collect your child, we ask that you maintain your distance from other families and do not approach the door; your children will come to you.

Hygiene

The children will be taught the importance of good hygiene upon their return to school and please reinforce this beforehand. When they arrive they will be instructed to wash their hands thoroughly and this will be repeated at various points of the day.

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It is recognised that social distancing is not feasible in a school setting. Instead the children into smaller groups. The children will remain in small groups for the duration of the day to minimise the chance of the virus spreading between different groups of children. They will have separate resources which are only used by their group which will be cleaned regularly. They will also have separate break and lunchtimes to other groups and they will eat lunch in their classrooms.

Lunches

Our caterers are back up and running but they too are working in a different way to before. In order to allow for supply and staffing difficulties, they will only be able to provide a cold packed lunch rather than the array of hot options previously available. They are allowed to bring their own packed lunch if they prefer. If your child has been receiving lunch vouchers, they will be expected to have a school lunch instead if they are in school.

Lunch Options

Finger Roll with daily choice of:

- Cheese
- Ham – unless Halal restricted
- Tuna
- Houmous and Vegetable
- Carrot, houmous and minted yoghurt
- Gluten free option available

Home bake

- Flapjack
- Shortbread
- Cookie

Fruit

- Apple
- Satsuma

We ask that every child brings in a named water bottle. We will not be able to use shareable cups for obvious reasons. It is particularly important that they have access to water during the warm summer months. A drink is not provided with the school packed lunch.

Clothing

It is essential that children are attending school each day with clean clothing. Scientific evidence suggests that the virus can live on clothing for sustained periods and we want to minimise the risk of it being brought into school. We therefore ask that you do not send your child to school with clothes which have not been washed.

We also ask you to consider the type of clothing which your child is wearing. We will of course always ensure that the children have the help they require, but it would be beneficial if the children have clothing which they find easy to manage independently. For example, if they cannot manage to tie shoelaces, Velcro shoes would be best.

Finally, we ask that everybody is vigilant in looking out for symptoms in their households. If anyone shows symptoms, please let the school know and keep your child off school. We will also be monitoring the children when they are in school. If anyone displays symptoms, we will seat them in a medical room and call for them to be collected and taken home. We would then expect for the child to be kept off school for 14 days or until they have had a negative test.

These are just some of the many changes happening in school to enable us to welcome children back and we hope that you understand the reasons behind any inconvenience caused. It is by working together to follow these procedures that we can minimise the risk to our children, staff and the wider school community.

Kind regards,

Mr M Aggus

Vice Principal