



School Open for Key Workers & Vulnerable Only

a message from Mrs Rigby

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and I thank you for your patience, support and understanding at this very challenging time.

The UK government are hoping that schools in England will open on 1st June. We are still awaiting guidance from them as to whether it is safe to do so. We are also waiting for changes to key-worker status, which we believe are due to be published during half-term break. We currently have 135 children of key workers. At least 65 of these have said that they require a place in school in June and July. We have risk-assessed our school spaces and can only admit approximately 60 children, if we are to attempt to socially distance. We have no room for additional children from any year group, until guidance changes to say it is safe to stop socially distancing or until we no longer need to prioritise children of key workers. Our current plans are below, but these may change during the half-term holiday, depending on changing government advice. Please keep checking the school website.

Monday 1st June

Open only to Key Worker and vulnerable children who have been attending the school site between 23rd March and 22nd May 2020. Please queue in the marked areas to enter through the front door at 9am.

Tuesday 2nd June

Open also to Key Worker and vulnerable children who have asked for a place in school and have not attended before. Please do not arrive before 9.30am and allow plenty of time to queue and fill in all forms required. The forms you will be required to sign say that you understand the risks and have decided you are happy to send your children to school. We will do all we can to socially distance children but cannot guarantee that they will not become ill with Covid 19. If they become unwell in school we will contact you immediately and you must take them home to self isolate for 7-14 days. Please bring ID from your place of work if you are a key worker e.g. ID badge, wage slip or your key worker letter.

Friday 5th June

If some key worker children decide not to take up their place or the key worker list changes we will contact Year 6 children who wish to attend to start on Monday 8th June.

As numbers increase, children will be taught in small groups or 'bubbles.' Scientists say that this is the safest way to teach children during a pandemic, limiting contact with children in other 'bubbles.'

Children in these 'bubbles' will work, play and eat together. If you decide to send your child to breakfast and after school club, please be aware that they will be joining other bubbles, possibly increasing the risk of infection. Depending on the numbers of key worker and vulnerable children attending, we will look at bringing in additional children in the weeks ahead.

Wishing you all a sunny half term break. I look forward to seeing you all as soon as we possibly can. God bless and take care.

Best wishes,

Dolly Rigby



Classrooms

These are now arranged for 8 children, with plenty of space to move around and socially distance.



A one way system has been set up to move around school.

Bubbles

Our new bubbles are named after precious stones, diamonds, sapphires, rubies, emeralds, pearls, amethysts and aquamarines.

Personal Belongings

Children should only bring to school a water bottle and their packed lunch if they have one.

Trainers should be worn to come to school every day as we always do PE.

Do not bring other items, such as a pencil case, toy or books. We have many personal belongings still in school and will be organising pick-up times soon.

Behaviour Policy

We need to keep our school safe, with exemplary behaviour from everyone.

A child may be temporarily excluded if they refuse to follow rules of social distancing or deliberately spit or cough into the face of another person.

September 2020

We have no guidance currently on arrangements for the Autumn term. It is becoming increasingly unlikely that we will return to school in the usual way.

We will have to consider a mix of part time and home schooling if any form of social distancing still remains in place.

We are looking into buying an online learning platform and providing tablets for children who do not have access to their own device.

Lunch Vouchers End

Vouchers finish today, Friday 22nd May.



Children on free school meals who are in school will be provided with a hot meal from 1st June.

Children not entitled to free meals who are in school should pay in the usual way: send money in a named envelope.

Children entitled to free meals who remain at home may collect a packed lunch from the school entrance between 12 noon and 12.30pm.

In some cases children self-isolating at home will be entitled to vouchers. Please ring or email Ms Moosbally for details.

Breakfast and After School

We need to have charges again from 1st June.

Breakfast 8am - 9am £2.50 per day

After School 3.30pm - 6pm £7.00 per day

As parents and carers must not enter school at the moment, children should have money in a named envelope to pass to school staff on arrival at school.

School Uniform

Children who come to school during the Summer Term may wear school uniform if it still fits, but are welcome to wear other clothing.

Please do not buy new school shoes for this term; trainers are fine.

Work Packs

Children needing a work pack should pick one up from the blue table in the school entrance.

Thank You

Many thanks for all the messages we received on **Thank a teacher** day.



They were really touching and much appreciated.