Red Rose Primary School 4th June 2020



Dear Parents / Carers

RE: Possible wider reopening of school to more pupils from 15th June

I wanted to keep you updated with our plans for the wider reopening of school, which Durham County Council are currently proposing from 15th June.

As I explained in my previous communication, we have been working very closely with the Local Authority to ensure a safe return for children and staff at our school. All Durham schools have been provided with a risk assessment, which is designed to put the health and safety of children first, and ensure that each school mitigates, to the best of their ability, any risks associated with a phased return.

Please find below a revised flow chart setting out our revised provisional timescale for wider reopening:



This will allow us to assess key worker demand and plan for wider opening.

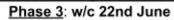


Phase 2: w/c 15th June

(provisional date once, following advice from Durham County Council).

EYFS to begin phased return (mornings only)

Due to the inability to share resources within the classroom, children will need to be seated at individual desks. We therefore feel that daily morning sessions will provide the most suitable provision.



(provisional date once we are confident we can safely admit additional pupils) Year 1 children begin phased return We aim to provide access to full days in school with the exception of Wednesday afternoon when school will be closed to Year 1 pupils. (This model is subject to change depending on capacity within school).

Phase 4: w/c 29th June

(provisional date once we are confident we can safely admit additional pupils) Year 6 children begin phased return We aim to provide **2 full days in school**. This is due to limited capacity within school to provide rooms and staffing specific to each group.

Phase 5: Wider return to school for Year 2,3,4 and 5 children

No date has yet been specified by the government

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We will not be putting any pressure on parents to send their child to school and the government has stated that there will be no penalty for parents who do not send their child into school. When you feel it is right to send your child to school, we will be ready to welcome them.

On return to school, children will be placed in a 'bubble' with a named teacher and support staff. There will be no mixing of staff or pupils within 'bubbles'. Key worker children will be joining their year group bubble once their cohort returns to school. The proposed staffing from 15th June will be:

Bubble	Staff	Room
EYFS - Bubble 1 (Mornings)	Miss Sweeney & Mrs Laws Key worker EYFS + others	Sunbeam
EYFS - Bubble 2 (Mornings)	Mrs Sweet	Sunshine
EYFS - Bubble 3 (Mornings)	Mrs Beevers & Mrs Taylor	Lunar (studio)
Key Worker children Year 2 & 3	Miss Page & Mrs Jennings	Mission
Key Worker children Year 3, 4 & 5	Mr Ross, Mr Oliver & Mrs McCrea	NASA

Next week, I will resend the questionnaire so we can establish the number of EYFS children returning. You will then be notified of the 'bubble' your child will be joining and all the necessary information you will require.

From w/c 15th June - I will contact Y1 & Y6 parents. I will then send further information on groups and days.

Please note, at present we are **only providing childcare** and will continue to do so until your child's respective year group returns to school. Sessions when the cohort are not in school will revert to childcare only. If you are a key worker and are able to keep your child at home for parts of the week, rather than access a full time place in school, then please do. This will increase our capacity and allow us to plan for the wider reopening of school to as many pupils as possible.

I hope this provides some guidance on our wider reopening and allows parents to make provisional plans for a return to school.

Many thanks

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