

Red Rose Primary School

Reopening of school to Y6

Dear Parent / carer

I hope this email finds you well.

We are looking forward to welcoming back Y6 to school on Monday 29th June. In my previous correspondence I offered a choice of either a Monday & Tuesday or a Thursday & Friday. Having taken a number of factors into consideration we are only able to offer a Monday and Tuesday. I apologise if this causes any difficulties but it has allowed us to create larger groups and therefore the children will be mixing with a greater number of their peers.

We have tried to group children with at least one of their friend choices. We will be running 2 groups of 14. One group with Mr Ross/Mrs Thomas (this also includes Y6 key worker children) and another group with Miss Williams.

Key worker children will be able to continue to access our childcare provision for the remainder of the work as previously agreed.

Rationale:

Our plan for the wider reopening of school takes into consideration the health and safety of the children & their families and the staff and their families. Whilst every effort will be made to allow for social distancing it is recognised that school can not guarantee to keep children socially distant. School can not assure parents/carers that children will not catch COVID19 or become carriers of the virus and so infect others outside school.

The reintroduction of Y6 is the final stage of our plan.

The school considers the reopening of schools as key to the mental health and well being of the children as well as helping with the re-starting of the economy and society in general. However whilst the desire to get this done swiftly is present so too is caution and the need to avoid a rise in the 'R' rate which could lead to further lockdown periods.

Please read the following guidance on returning to school:

Equipment

- No bags to be brought to school
- If the weather allows - no coat. This is to be left on the back of chairs if brought to school.
- Non-uniform - children to wear sports wear e.g. shorts / leggings / tracksuit and a T-shirt (this must have short / long sleeves - no bare shoulders) and a sweatshirt. Trainers should be worn.
- Clothes should be washed each night following a day in school.
- Suntan lotion to be applied before coming to school.
- A sun hat
- Water bottle

- If possible, their own liquid soap to use to wash hands in the classroom.

Travel to school

- You are advised not to use public transport.
- Parents should only enter the site at **their dedicated time**, leaving promptly. There should be no waiting in the yard.
- Only one adult is allowed per child.
- The school site operates a one way system for children and adults:

On arrival:

Entering the school site: Parents are to enter the school site via the school gate at Beverley Gardens. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN BEVERLEY GARDENS DUE TO LIMITED ACCESS & THE NEED TO KEEP THE AREA FREE OF PARKED CARS, TO ENSURE A SAFE ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL.**

- There is a staggered start to the school day. This is based on surnames and is as follows:
 - A - E - 8:45am
 - F - K - 8:50am
 - L-R - 8:55am
 - S - Z - 9am

Please avoid arriving earlier than your designated slot to try to ensure social distancing.

- Y6 children to enter school via the quad and then in through NASA classroom door as this is the classroom they will be using.
- On arrival children will wait at their desk and then wash their hands.

Leaving the school site: Parents should leave the school site via the school gate leading onto York Terrace.

End of the school day - 3:15pm

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- Children will leave via the quad
- Parents to wait in the yard.
- Parents are responsible for standing 2m apart and **MUST** follow social distancing guidance at all times.

Leaving the school site: Parents should leave the school site via the school gate leading onto York Terrace.

Attendance

- Only staff and pupils who are not exhibiting any symptoms, and who do not need to self isolate, may attend school.
- School may close at short notice if staffing levels fall to levels where safety cannot be assured.
- Should school become aware that if pupils have not been adhering to social distancing guidance outside of school then they will be asked to isolate for 14 days.
- No fixed penalty for not attending.

Meals

- Packed lunch (either from home or ideally from the school kitchen) School will be able to provide a hot meal on a Tuesday.
- Packed lunches need to be brought in a hard container which can be washed at home or preferably a disposable bag.
- Packed lunch boxes will be stored in the child's classroom.
- Children need to bring their own drink for during the day and at lunch.
- Lunch will be eaten in the classroom.
- School dinners will be brought to the classroom door by kitchen staff / TAs

Breakfast Club / School clubs

- To avoid mixing within 'bubbles' there will be **no breakfast club / after school clubs** until further notice.

Classrooms

- Children will be seated at individual desks, 2m apart in all classrooms
- Children will sit at the same seat each day.
- Classroom doors to be kept open.
- Windows open for additional ventilation.
- Porch areas are not to be used.
- Paper towels, soap and hand sanitiser to be available in all classrooms.
- Pupils will have their own individual stationery / equipment.
- Tape markings will clearly mark 2m distancing on the floor where necessary.
- Clear signage will be visible around school indicating circulation / signage at entrances for visitors / general hygiene / how to deal with staff / children displaying symptoms.

Staffing:

- Each group will have a teacher and where possible, a teaching assistant assigned to them. In the event that there are staff shortages, teaching assistants may be asked to 'lead' a group under the supervision/support of a teacher.
- Bubbles have been created of no more than 15 pupils and have taken into account the room size.
- The group must spend all their time at school in isolation from other groups. This includes playtimes. Time outside will be timetabled throughout the morning. Adults in the group will take their breaks alternately but they will not come into contact with any other group. Each group will have their own supply of playtime equipment. The children will not be able to use the fitness equipment on the daily mile track or the trim trail on the field.

Social distancing

- Children will be encouraged to maintain social distancing as far as is possible and should be actively discouraged from physical contact.
- Children must follow the instructions to minimise physical contact and maintain distancing outside their sub-group. If this is not done, we will ask that the pupil is taken home by a parent/carer.

Curriculum

- Priority will be well being of pupils both mentally and with regard to health and hygiene. It is anticipated that a significant amount of time will be spent considering the children's mental well-being. The adults in school will acknowledge that it is normal to feel worried and there are ways in which this can be supported.
- When the children first come to school they will be taught about social distancing, good hand-hygiene, good respiratory-hygiene, in-school routines, expectations and rules associated with this period of return to school in a sensitive manner so as not to overly worry children.
- There will be opportunities during the morning for outdoor learning.

Toilet areas

- Only one pupil per time
- Hand towels (paper) to be available

Handwashing

- Handwashing to happen at regular intervals.
- Hand sanitiser will be used if hand washing is not immediately available. This is only to be administered & supervised by an adult.
- Paper towels will be used to dry hands.

PPE

- Gloves and aprons available in all classrooms
- The school has a supply of emergency PPE. This may be used in the event that a child becomes unwell by a designated member of staff who will care for that child until an appropriate adult can collect them from school. Whilst the guidance states that PPE is not required, staff will have access to face masks, gloves and face visors should they wish to use it. Children should not wear face masks because they are less likely to be able to manage these safely and could cause great risk.

Child / adult becomes unwell

- If a child presents with symptoms of COVID-19 the child will be sent home as soon as possible or, if this happens at home, the parent/carer must inform school as soon as possible. The child must, under safeguarding guidelines, access a test as soon as possible. The parent/carer must inform the school as soon as the results are returned. The child must not return to school until the results of the test indicate a negative result.
- If a member of the group, adult or child, tests positive from COVID19, then the whole group will need to remain at home for 14 days.
- Parents will be asked for proof of test results.

Parental communication with school

- Parents are not allowed to enter the office.
- Any communication to be via telephone call or email.

Reading Books / stationery / personal belongings:

- We are asking that any reading books are returned to school and placed in the designated box on the yard.
- These will then be quarantined for one week.
- No new books will return home in order to prevent the transmission of infection but children will be reading in school.
- Children should not bring anything into school from home e.g. paper, work, toys etc.

Leavers' Hoodies

- These are now available from school.
- Could you please ensure you collect & pay for your child's hoodie as soon as possible. (Cost £16)

Ford Castle

- We have been able to negotiate a refund of all monies paid for the cancelled Ford castle Residential Visit.
- A cheque for this exact amount owed will be distributed as soon as possible. Mrs McCartney will be contacting you to establish who the cheque should be made payable to.
- Unfortunately for financial reasons this money can not be offset against any other payments owed.

Dinner Money / Breakfast Club

- All outstanding balances either will be settled before the end of term.
- If you owe school any outstanding money we will contact you and let you know.

I hope this information has answered a number of your questions. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Mrs Brinton
Head Teacher