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Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your loved ones are well at this difficult time. I am writing to keep you up to date with the developments around school’s reopening. At the moment there is no set date for schools to reopen. The government have said that they will review the evidence before they make a final decision. The next SAGE meeting is due to take place on 28th May and any reopening will not happen before June 1st. In response to this we are now looking at government guidelines and planning to open our school to more children.  I am sure that you will appreciate that planning reopening is a complex task with frequent new guidance being issued by the government. Please bear with us, our reopening plans are at their early stages and may change as we know more.  At present our plans are as follows:

**Our proposal is that we will close the school to all except children of key workers at lunchtime on Fridays in order to carry out a deep clean and for teachers to respond to any queries from children still at home.**

**Who can come back to school?**

We now have some idea of numbers of younger children who would like to return to school and so are now planning to reopen to all children in nursery, reception, Year1 and to Year 6. We will also continue to offer childcare for vulnerable children and the children of key workers. The keyworker list remains unchanged from that originally issued by the government. We are not able to offer before and after school club provision except to children of keyworkers.

**How will we organise our teaching groups?**

We are planning to follow government guidance and create ‘bubbles’. This means that one group, of no more than 15 children, will be taught in a set teaching space by 2 adults. We will try to make sure that children and staff from different ‘bubbles’ do not come into contact with each other. The government has acknowledged that social distancing of young children is not a realistic expectation but within each bubble we will encourage children to maintain good handwashing practises.

**How will we keep the ‘bubbles’ apart?**

There will be no crossover of children or staff between bubbles unless absolutely unavoidable. Children will be taught in set rooms. As each class will be split into at least 2 bubbles, some children will not be taught in their usual classroom or by their usual teacher. They will not be able to see all the other children in their class but will be able to see the children in their ‘bubble’.

We will timetable ‘bubbles’ so that they are not moving around school at the same time. A maximum of 2 ‘bubbles’ will use the playground at any one time and they will be kept to separate areas.

**How will this affect lunchtime?**

The hall will be in use to provide childcare to key workers and vulnerable children. Lunches will be eaten in classrooms. Children can bring a packed lunch from home or will be provided with a packed lunch by the school kitchen.

**What will transition look like for Year 6?**

At present the usual transition activities offered by local high schools are not on offer. We will not be able to run the usual end of Year 6 activities such as leavers assembly, residential and leavers meal in the way that we have in the past.  We will endeavour to do what we can to support our Y6 pupils and to mark this special time for them, within the constraints of the current situation. We will be taking part in an English transition project organised by the Bradford local authority.

**Children of Keyworkers in N, R, Y1 and Y6**

Children who have been attending childcare at school as children of keyworkers or vulnerable children, will join a bubble of other children in their class. They will not then be able to re-join the keyworker group for childcare.  If before and after school care is also needed this will be provided separately for these children.

**What happens if someone becomes ill?**

If a child or adult becomes ill with symptoms associated with Covid – 19 they will go home until they are well. All the children and adults in the effected ‘bubble’ will go home and self-isolate for 14 days or until there is confirmation of a negative test for Covid – 19.

**Home Learning**

For those children who do not attend school, we will continue to offer home learning. Class teacher’s will be working in school so they won’t be able to set daily tasks. We will use the Oak academy lessons to support your home learning and staff will be available to help but it may not be your child’s teacher.

**School Uniform**

We would like children returning to school in N, R, Y1 and Y6 to wear their uniform. We understand that they may have grown out of some items and will, of course, make allowances for this. We do have a stock of second hand uniform in school and we may be able to help out with some items. Children attending childcare should continue to wear their own clothes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P. Foster

Head Teacher