

5th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a series of meetings with the Local Authority and the other five Wirral Infant Schools, I am in a position to communicate the plan for the next six weeks in school. Some of what I am about to share has changed from our initial plan, as I will explain below.

As you may be aware during this time, schools have been getting a large number of guidance documents from the Department for Education and from the Local Authority. Advice on which year groups should have priority for returning to school talked about how important it was for “transition” year groups to return but omitted to include Y2 pupils in Infant schools.

Obviously, as a school that prides itself in putting children at the heart of all decisions, we were concerned about our Year 2 pupils who were due to leave our school without any transition to their new school or any feeling of closure. The Local Authority supported our view that Year 2 pupils should be a priority in Infant schools. They have, however, faced significant challenge on this from the Regional Schools Commissioner on behalf of the DfE who has made it clear that we must find a way to also bring in Reception and, if possible, Y1 children also.

We have therefore, developed a plan to give all children in Year Two, Reception and Year One the opportunity to come back to school for some face to face time with their key adults before the summer break. Clearly, we have significantly reduced capacity for pupils in school at the moment, taking into account the continuing childcare for Key worker and vulnerable children and the social distancing requirements, so the reintroduction of further year groups will need to be done in phases.

On the 15th June, we will welcome Year Two children back into school for **two full weeks**, if parents choose for their child to attend. During this time, the children will be placed in bubbles of 15 and will not necessarily be in a bubble with all their friends, although they will spend some time with their class teacher (as long as capacity allows).

We have also planned a range of transition opportunities with the Junior School where Year Two pupils will meet their new teacher and, hopefully spend time becoming familiarised with their new school layout.









We will then say goodbye to the Year Two children on Friday 26th June.

From Monday 29th June and each week thereafter we are able to welcome back Year One children and Reception children on a part time basis.

Year One children are welcome to attend school on Mondays and Tuesdays **starting on Monday 29th June**. Reception children are welcome to attend school on Thursdays and Fridays **starting on Thursday 2nd July**. Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome any Nursery children back into school apart from those from key worker families.

Each Wednesday, school will only be open to children from key worker families. This is to allow the classrooms to be deep cleaned to ensure the risk of cross contamination is minimised between year groups.

School will then close for all children and key worker families when the academic year ends on Friday 17th July.

Ongoing Risk Assessment								
	w/c Half Term	w/c 1 st June	w/c 8 th June	w/c 15 th June	w/c 22 nd June	w/c 29 th June	w/c 6 th July	w/c 13 th July
Key Worker children								
Year 2 children				Full week	Full week			
Year 1 children						Monday Tuesday	Monday Tuesday	Monday Tuesday
Reception children						Thursday Friday	Thursday Friday	Thursday Friday
Nursery children								
*Subject to staffing capacity and Health & Safety reviews, taking into account latest government, local authority and scientific guidance and only if it is safe and in line with our rigorous risk assessment.								

If you are a Year Two parent and wish to send your child into school, week beginning 15th June, you need to inform school through the 'Forms' section of ParentMail. **Unfortunately, if we do not receive this confirmation from you by Monday 8th June we will be unable to accept your child into school at this time, as we will have already allocated staff and bubbles.**

A similar arrangement will be in place for Year One and Reception children and I will write and inform you when this goes live for those parents.

I will continue to communicate with you next week when I can confirm the staggered drop off and collection times and locations for both year group pupils and key worker children. **Please continue to check your ParentMails for any updates moving forward.**

On Monday 8th June, a new series of online videos produced by the staff will be available through both the school website and YouTube channel. There will be daily phonics lessons, daily maths lessons and a weekly theme involving videos and stories, which will develop English skills and other areas such as Art and DT. These will be produced for all year groups from Nursery to Year Two. The third pack of home learning resources has been available from the school office this week and can still be picked up between 9:30-2pm every weekday.

Stay safe and hopefully we will see lots of you soon,

Mr Elliott