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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6

Reference Wider Reopening of Schools

Following on from the letter outlining the school's plans for a cautious, phased reopening for some year groups, I would like to give you further information about the return of Y6 pupils from Monday 8th June.

Social Distancing

As the government guidance for reopening advises that pupils and staff practise social distancing, Year 6 will be split into three separate groups or 'bubbles'. The same teacher will teach each bubble each day in separate classrooms and mixing between these bubbles will not be permitted. Each group will have staggered start and end times to the day and time outside in the playground will be on a rota system. All of these measures will help to limit the amount of people your child mixes with and so lessens the risk of transmission of Covid-19. In the classroom, children's desks will be spaced 2 metres apart and children will be required to work at the same desk for all lessons.

If you respond that you will be sending your child in, you will be informed which Y6 group your child is in and their start and end timings before Monday 8th June.

Hygiene

We have also put in place several measures to ensure cleanliness and hygiene as this is an important part of limiting transmission of the disease. Children will be required to wash their hands on entry to the classroom and then again at regular intervals throughout the day. Staff members will be regularly cleaning touch points around the classroom and school such as light switches and backs of chairs. Children will be given a pack of equipment to use for their learning, which they must not share with others. Some classroom items will be removed as they cannot be easily cleaned such as soft furnishings and equipment with intricate parts. Each Y6 group will be given a set of outdoor equipment that will be cleaned between uses and used only by that group. Children will not be permitted to bring any items in from home such as pencil cases. They will also not be able to take items home such as reading or home learning books.

To ensure that bottles do not get mixed up between children, we will NOT be using the school water bottles. Therefore, we are asking that **children bring in their own water bottle with their name clearly labelled**. They can refill this in school, but will need to take it home each day and ensure it is cleaned thoroughly ready to bring in again.

To also limit transmission risks, we are asking that **children wear a clean set of clothes each day** that has not been worn previously without being washed. We understand that it may be difficult to wash your child's school uniform daily so children are permitted to wear non-school uniform clothing if needed.

Curriculum

The government have advised schools to run a 'recovery curriculum' when children return to school which will involve PSHE learning and activities to support mental health. Children will also complete transition activities that we would normally do before they move to secondary school. Key skills in maths and English will be revisited to build children's confidence before they move to Year 7. Many lessons and activities that we would usually do will not be possible as we will be limited with what equipment we can use. When any sets of equipment outside of children's individual packs are used, they will need to be cleaned thoroughly between uses.

Lunches

Children will be required to bring a packed lunch to school which will be eaten in the classroom. Their packed lunch will be placed in a box and only be touched by them. If your child is entitled to a **FREE** School Meal and you would like the school to provide them with a packed lunch, (this will contain a sandwich, piece of fruit and drink), please tick the box below.

Behaviour Expectations

The Government has introduced the protective measures as a way of ensuring that transmission levels stay low. The aim is to ensure the safety of your child, members of staff and reduce risk of transmission back into your families. We will, therefore, expect children to adhere to the new rules and systems we have put in place. If you make the decision to send your child back to school, it would be valuable to discuss any concerns they might have about returning to school and the measures the school will put in place so they know what to expect when they return.

Could you complete the attached form by Monday 1st June indicating whether your child will be returning to school. You will receive a telephone call from Mr Bayne or myself tomorrow which will give you an opportunity to ask any specific questions you might have.

Best wishes,



Mrs Franklin-Smith
Assistant Head/Year 6 teacher

Year 6 Return to School

Child's Name _____

- My child ***will be*** returning to school on Monday 8th June
- My child is entitled to a FREE school meal and I would like the school to provide them with a packed lunch.**
- My child ***will not*** be returning to school because:

Member of the household are in the shielded/vulnerable category

Other _____