



Thursday 14 May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **School opening queries**

I know many of you have been in touch with some queries about schools possibly opening on Monday 1 June, and hopefully the information below might answer some of these for you:

#### **What hours will school be open?**

The starting point for school opening hours is 10am – 2pm. This might change as we get closer to the summer holidays. To start with, the children in Reception will be in school for 2 days a week - either Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday. We then aim for the Y1 children to start for 2 days a week as well after a few weeks.

#### **Can I change my mind about my child coming in to school?**

We will be operating a weekly booking system for your child to come to school. This will enable us to ensure we have the correct staffing ratios in place, and also gives parents the flexibility if you change your mind.

#### **Will it be a normal school day?**

The short answer to this is no!

The children might not be in their usual classrooms – in fact the reception classrooms and outside area will not be open at all. Lessons will be different, as the children will not be able to share resources, which limits the type of lessons we can teach.

Strict routines will be in place for movement around school and times to go to the toilet to avoid children from different groups crossing paths with one another. The small groups will be separated all day.

#### **Will hot lunches be provided in school?**

The kitchen will be open to provide a hot meal for all children in school. Those children eligible for Free School Meals (not Universal Infant Free School Meals) will be able to collect a packed lunch from school everyday.

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**Will social distancing be enforced in school?**

We will encourage the children to maintain the social distancing, however we cannot guarantee this. Staff will be advised to maintain a 2-meter distance from children, however there might be some occasions when this might not be possible.

**Will wrap around care be available?**

I am trying to seek clarification from Brightstars about this and when I have more information I will let you know.

**Will childcare still be available for key worker children?**

The childcare provision will continue to be in place from 8.50am - 3.15pm. I am awaiting clarification from CIT regarding the possible movement from the childcare to the small school groups. Please see the information in the '*will it be a normal school day*' response.

When school does open, I urge you all to continue to follow the government guidance. Visiting other houses to collect children to bring to school should not be encouraged, and social distancing will need to be adhered to during the staggered drop off and collection times. Signs will be in place outside school to guide you to the requested queueing spaces at safe distances.

As you can imagine, there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes with regards to risk assessments, health and safety measures and routines. I hope to be able to give you more detailed information about our school opening plans from Monday 1 June next week, following updates from the DfE and CIT.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support. The staff appreciate the positive comments you have been sending via email and Class Dojo.

Continue to stay safe and enjoy the weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Hodson  
Head Teacher

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