

Wednesday 29th July 2020

September Reopening

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you to confirm our whole school reopening arrangements for September in line with the guidance from Public Health England and the Department for Education.

School will open to all children on **Thursday 3rd September**. Children who are starting in our Early Years classes will have a phased return to school and these parents will have already been contacted by their class teacher about these arrangements.

Children should wear school uniform as usual.

All parents and children must continue to follow the **one-way system**, which means they will only be able **enter the school through the Clough Avenue gates and they will only be able to exit via the Fisher Avenue gates**.

We will have a **staggered start and end of the day** for each class, to avoid crowding on the playground. We also recognise that some parents have more than one child in different classes and starting at different times and therefore we have taken steps to help - both children will be able to enter their classes at the same time. *Eg. A parent bringing a Reception child (starting at 8.50am) and a Year 4 child (starting at 9.20am) – both children will be able to enter their classes at 8.50am.*

Staggered Start & Finish Times

Classes	Start Times	Finish Times
* Daisies - 2 Year Old Nursery: morning group afternoon group	8.30am 12.30pm	11.30am 3.30pm
Reception & Year 1	8.50am	2.50pm
Sunflowers 3 & 4 Year Old Nursery, Buttercups, Giant Redwoods & Year 2	9.00am	3.00pm
Year 3 & 5	9.10am	3.10pm
Year 4 & 6	9.20am	3.20pm

***Daisies** morning group leaves via **school office area** at 11.30am. Afternoon group will arrive here too.

Daisies and Sunflowers Nurseries will both continue to be located in their new temporary rooms opposite the Giant Redwoods classroom. Staff will be outside to help guide you to your child's room.

Attendance

Now that the circumstances have changed it is vital that children return to school so that we can minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, well-being and wider development.

Any further absences away from the classroom will risk pupils falling further behind. There is a strong link between good school attendance and achievement.

School attendance will therefore be mandatory once again in September.

This means that from September the usual rules will apply, including:

- *parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are compulsory school age*
- *schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence*
- *the availability to issue sanctions, resulting in prosecution for poor school attendance*

We recognise that some parents and pupils may feel anxious and worried about the children returning and we will work closely with families to support you with their return to school. If you have any worries or concerns or your child feels anxious about returning to school please contact our **Welfare Co-ordinator, Mrs Stokes**, on receipt of this letter or alternatively your child's class teacher through **ClassDojo**.

We must also guard against any potential cases of infection in school and so the following steps must also be taken in regards to attendance:

Any pupils, staff and other adults must not come into school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or have tested positive in the last 7 days. School will ensure that anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is isolated and sent home.

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). School will need to see evidence of the outcome of this test. Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date with the school office in case we need to contact you during the school day if your child is showing symptoms.

Curriculum

Your support with home learning has been vital over the last few months and we encourage you to continue to support your child's learning at home to bridge any gaps. Daily reading with your child will be a big help. Nevertheless, most of our children will have been absent from school for over 5 months when we return and therefore, we have made adaptations to our curriculum. In September there will be a focus on their well-being and settling them back into school life. During this time, it is vital that we support their social and emotional needs as well as their academic ones.

We have also conducted a thorough audit of school curriculum to identify what learning has been missed in each subject during lockdown. Our curriculum leaders are developing programmes to ensure this learning will be interwoven with the learning required for the new year.

ClassDojo will be used for homework and for sending home activities that can support language and vocabulary development at home. Please ensure that you are signed up to the **ClassDojo** app.

We have carefully followed government guidance and put in place a number of measures to support in reducing the risk of infection. Please see below for our detailed approach to the reopening of school:

Entry and exit of school

- Start and end times to the school day will be staggered as best as is possible and a one-way system will be in place. This is to reduce congestion and adhere to social distancing. **Parents and children must use the Clough Avenue gates to enter school and the Fisher Avenue gates to exit. No parents or children will be allowed to exit via Clough Avenue or enter via Fisher Avenue**
- Strictly only one adult per child (sibling group) will be allowed onto the school premises at drop off and pick up to reduce numbers
- The finish times for the end of the day are staggered and parents are encouraged to only enter school premises when it is their pickup time
- We encourage parents of Year 5 & 6 pupils who have parental permission to walk home, to allow their children to enter and exit the school site on their own. **We will be asking for permission through ClassDojo in September**
- It is important that staff stick to timings as closely as possible to avoid any crowding
- Parents will not be allowed to access the school office and any messages can be sent through **ClassDojo** or phoned into school
- If a parent needs to see a member of staff or the school office, please phone and make an appointment
- Parents should not congregate outside the school gates at any time

Classroom Arrangements

- Y1 -6 Classrooms have been redesigned to avoid face to face contact (all desks facing front)
- In accordance with the guidance, staff working with younger or SEND children may need to work closer at times but should *'avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone. Similarly, it will not be possible when working with many pupils who have complex needs or who need close contact care. These pupils' educational and care support should be provided as normal.'*
- Children will remain in their whole class bubbles and avoid mixing with children from other classes
- Staggered break and lunch times
- Minimum movement around the school building
- There will be no breakfast club but children will be provided with morning bagels from Magic Breakfast
- Any after school clubs will be arranged around whole class bubbles
- Frequently used equipment such as pencils, pens, etc – staff and pupils should have their own assigned equipment. Classroom based resources such as books, games, etc can be shared within the bubble and cleaned regularly
- Children to wear school uniform
- PE will take place outside. Children will need PE kit suitable for outdoors – T-Shirt, tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt, trainers

Hygiene

- Increased cleaning throughout the day has been timetabled to support with maintaining hygiene and cleanliness
- Hand washing on entry into school, when entering outdoor areas / playground and on entry back into school, before and after eating. Handwashing at regular intervals throughout the day
- Regular wiping down of surfaces / equipment throughout the day including outdoor equipment
- Inner doors to remain open to reduce contact with handles. EYFS doors must still remain closed to support with safeguarding.
- Sanitiser units have been installed in every classroom and at key entrance points throughout the building to support with hygiene
- Windows to be kept open in rooms for ventilation

Teaching Teams 2020/21

Here is a reminder of our class teams for September. They are so excited to welcome your children back to school.

Class	Teacher / Lead	TAs
Daisies	Miss Holt	Miss Walker
Sunflowers	Mrs Bartane	Mrs Jackson & Miss James
Reception	Miss Clarke & Mrs Calrow	Miss Gooch & Mrs Wilson
Year 1	Miss Burrows	Mrs Murphy, Mrs Groarke & Mrs Savage
Year 2	Mrs Fowler & Mrs Whittaker	Mrs Barlow
Buttercups	Mrs Worrall & Mrs Fairclough	Mrs Dunn & Mrs Dubique
Year 3	Mr McClafferty	Miss Hackney & Mrs Barrow
Year 4	Mrs Perks	Mrs Nash & Mrs Mate
Year 5	Mrs Pritty	Mrs Woods
Year 6	Mr Manuel	Miss Phillip & Miss Vernon
Redwoods	Mr Clay	Miss Barr & Mrs Dubique

I realise that this is a lot of information to take in but I am sending this to you now so that you have all summer to consider everything contained within this letter. Further details can also be found in our risk assessment for September reopening, which is now on our website.

I hope you find the information useful and reassuring – our priority is always the safety of your children. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September and until then I wish you all a lovely and enjoyable summer.

Kind regards



Mr S. Wright
Headteacher

