

19th June 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to school opening

Thank you for the continued support you are providing with your children's education. We still do not have any certainty about the Autumn Term but as a school, we feel that we need to put some arrangements in place to ensure a smooth transition for the children when they return.

To this end, we have decided to have three transition days,

Friday 3rd July - Children moving into LKS2 - Years 3 and 4 – (current Yr 2/Yr 3)

Friday 10th July - Children moving into KS1 - Years 1 and 2 – (current FS2/Yr 1)

Friday 17th July - Children moving into UKS2 - Years 5 and 6 – (current Yr 4/Yr 5)

You will receive a letter before your child's transition day telling you their new class teacher's name and the exact times of your child's Meet the Teacher session. Sessions will last about one and a half hours and you will need to sign your child in and out of school. We would like as many children to attend these sessions as possible but if for some reason this cannot happen, teachers will be sending video messages to their new classes.

In order for this to happen, we will need to **close** the school to **key worker children and children in bubbles** on these dates.

This is the only way we can adhere to strict social distancing rules and the safety of all our children and staff.

From week commencing 29th June, school will be open as follows:

Week commencing	Key Worker	Closed for transition visits
29/06/2020	29 th June – 2 nd July	Friday 3 rd July
06/07/2020	6 th July – 9 th July	Friday 10 th July
13/07/2020	13 th – 16 th July	Friday 17 th July

Year Groups FS2 / Year 1 and Year 6

Week commencing	Bubble A	Bubble B	Closed for transition visits
29/06/2020	29 th June – 30 th June	1 st July – 2 nd July	Friday 3 rd July
06/07/2020	6 th July – 7 th July	8th July – 9 th July	Friday 10 th July
13/07/2020	13 th July – 14 th July	15 th July – 16 th July	Friday 17 th July

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Since the school closed for all children in March, the staff have gone over and above to support our Key Workers, remaining open over the Easter and May half-term holidays. We knew how important it was to our fight against the Corona Virus, to keep Key Workers at work.

Now we have to prepare for a return to some form of "normality" and to do this we have to start our plans for September. I hope you can support us in this and see the need for all children to meet their new teachers.

Home Learning

The next grids that you will receive will cover the last three weeks of this term. We have included slightly more "must do" activities but as ever, please continue to do your best and what is right for your family. I hope you have appreciated the support from the staff who have worked hard trying to support home learning, whilst teaching at school. This support will continue to the end of term and please email class teachers if necessary.

Reading Books

If your child is attending school, or will be for a transition session, please could they return any reading books they may have at home. This is **really important** as we are currently logging all reading books into our new Accelerated Reader Scheme. More information about this will follow in September.

Policy Changes

With the Corona Virus, schools have had to review much policy and practice. Links to policy changes can be found on the home page of our website. Please note the addendum to the Behaviour Policy that will be on the school website next week.

School Closure

The school will be closed on **Monday 20th July** for an INSET day. This is due to the fact that we did not close for an INSET day earlier in the term. The school will also be closed on **Tuesday 21st July**. This is to enable staff to prepare classrooms for the Autumn Term and for the site team to start our "deep clean". We hope that we will be returning the classrooms to the normal stimulating environments that they used to be.

Keeping in touch

I am expecting July to bring more guidance from the Government about **all** children returning to school and I look forward to seeing all my 315 children learning and playing in school again. As soon as I have any firm information and plans, I will, of course, let you know. I am proud of the way our school community has worked together at this challenging time and have continued to put the children at the heart of all we do.

I wish you all a very happy weekend and look forward to seeing those of you I have not seen for a while in due course.

Best wishes

Mrs Louisa Gurney Head Teacher