

Jessop Stockwell Federation Lead Headteacher: Ms A.Parker

Wednesday, 15th July 2020

Dear All,

Congratulations on getting through the term!

As we draw nearer to the end of the academic year, I write to share our planning for the start of September with you.

Thank you all for your involvement in our Home School Collaboration Survey. As a collective, you have shared with us that your top three priorities are:

- 1) Extra Maths, English and Reading
- 2) Early assessment activities and identification of pupil gaps
- 3) Extra pastoral support including pupils' wellbeing

We are keen that these themes are built into our forward planning. Further information on our catch up strategy will be shared with you in September, once we have had more opportunity to collaborate with the wider staff team.

#### **Risk Assessment**

As a result of the changing landscape of the coronavirus, and the government's loosening of lockdown, the guidance for schools returning in September has been updated. With this new information, we have reviewed our risk assessment, which will be shared with you before the children return in early September. The main idea is that all that has existed for the current smaller bubbles of 15 children will apply to a larger year group bubble.

### The key points are:

- All children are expected to attend school
- Our bubbles will become year group bubbles that will not mix with any other bubble (year group)
- Children within their bubble (year group) can be within 2 metres of each other, including the adults they work with (although we will encourage our staff to be mindful of distance at all times)
- Staggered timings for morning drop off, playtimes and end of the day will remain
- Extended wrap around provision of childcare will be available
- Pupil, Parents and Staff Principles will remain
- Additional cleaning and hygiene routines will continue
- No parent access on school premises will continue

# **September Return** Dates

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Pre- School, Nursery and Reception Only Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September- Year 1 to Year 6

## **Virtual Parent Consultations**

Virtual Parent Consultations will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. During this time, every parent will have a virtual meeting appointment to discuss the academic and pastoral needs of their child, with their child's Class teacher.

You will be contacted by the Class Teacher to confirm your appointment.

As parent access to teachers will be significantly reduced, and as part of our catch-up strategy, we will also include weekly class virtual consultations with parents. This will be a 20 minute sharing of the weeks' learning session and advice on how you can support your child at home. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have, including the opportunity for a private meeting if you need one.

# The 'Year Group Bubble'

In line with the latest guidelines, bubbles will now become year groups. That means we will operate all activities within year groups, including the handling of resources, with no cross over with other year groups. For example, year groups will stay together at playtimes and there will be no whole school assemblies.

We will also use this structure to manage our wrap around care (breakfast and after school) with children remaining in their year groups.

### Staggered starts

Based on the scientific advice and government guidelines, we know that our priority needs to remain in supporting the community to reduce viral transmission between adults. For this reason, we are going to retain our staggered start and collection times whilst spreading the access points. One class from each year group will have the same start time.

8.45am to 3.15pm	9.00am to 3.30pm
Pandas	
Ladybirds	Butterflies
Penguins	Seals
Kangaroos	Koalas
Gorillas	Elephants
Lions	Tigers
Gazelles	Polar Bears
Blue Whales	Dolphins

The school day will continue to end by 1pm on Fridays, to enable additional deep cleaning and the planning and preparation time for teachers.

On Friday, you will receive a specific timetable detailing your class schedule and school access gate.

#### **Siblings**

earlier time.

Because half of the school (1 class from each year group) will begin at each start time, and we are accommodating the mixing of children within year groups, if a child is a sibling and their actual class start time is not until 9am, they can start at 8.45 and be absorbed by the fellow class.

For example, a child in Year 6, Dolphin Class (start time 9am above) with a sibling in Lion Class (start time 8:45am above), may be dropped off at 8.45am and absorbed by Blue Whales (at 8.45am) until 9am. If you are a family with siblings, you must use the earliest possible point of arrival for your children. We have mapped out the siblings and know who to expect for each group. You will also be able to collect them at the

Our internal timetabling will mean children will not miss out.

# **Lunches**

The caterers will continue to serve packed lunches only, for now. Free school meal children will continue to be provided with a packed lunch. Should you wish to purchase packed lunches, you may order these in the usual way. We are continuing to work with ISS to move towards the administering of hot lunches over the course of the term.

## **Accessing Education Parent Guidelines**

We are asking that parents continue to adhere to our Accessing Education Guidelines. This includes parents not entering the school playground, not congregating outside the school gates and instead, leaving the area promptly.

As a Partnership, we have carefully considered the measures we will put in place to secure safety for everyone, whilst providing our core function of education for all of our children.

Should there be any changes to the government guidance, over the Summer Holiday break, which affects the plans outlined to you in this letter, we will be in touch via email.

We cannot wait to have every child back in school learning with their friends, where they belong.

Please have a wonderful, restful, peaceful and safe Summer holiday break.

Kind regards,

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