

Good afternoon everyone

So - I have spent the last few hours perusing the government guidance for returning to school in September. A little light reading for a Friday afternoon! There is a lot to think about and new risk assessments will need to be written and shared with Governors. However, I thought that I would share some headlines with you which I hope will help enable you all to start planning ahead a little.

- All children will be able to return to school in September and there is an expectation that they should do so. If you have been shielding or have concerns about your child returning please do contact me to discuss this so that we can support you as much as possible.
- Children will be in **class** sized bubbles and will remain in these bubbles wherever possible, although there will be some occasions where **year** group bubbles will need to be used - for example for toilet access as we don't have six separate toilet blocks.
- We may decide to stagger start times to support distancing before and after school - you will be advised of this nearer the time.
- Children will have their own set of frequently used resources in school and other resources such as books and games will be regularly cleaned, as will surfaces and toilets.
- Lunches will continue as they are at the present for the time being - i.e. packed lunches served in classroom bubbles. Playtimes will be also taken in class bubbles. Each class will have their own lunch time supervisor
- There will be no afterschool clubs during the Autumn term to avoid mixing bubbles.
- You also need to know that there are very strict guidelines issued by Public Health England which we are required to follow. This may result in your child needing to isolate for up to 14 days if they have symptoms - even if a test is negative. We will take individual advice for each case as it arises.

Breakfast and After School Club

I am happy to report that we have been able to ensure that we can reopen our Breakfast Club in September and also introduce our After School Provision. We have liaised with the Junior School and they are happy for Junior children to also attend. We have had to make some additional arrangements however. Children will be in year group 'bubbles' in the hall, with an additional Junior School 'bubble'. The hall will be divided into four areas and each bubble will have their own breakfast table, resources and toys. This is not how we had intended to run our wrap around care, but it is what we have had to do in order to open at all. We are sure the children will soon adapt to the changes!

We will be constantly reviewing the situation and will make changes as necessary in accordance with the advice we are given. I have had a meeting with Ms Russell at the Junior School and she will be contacting Year 2 families but for your children similar guidelines will be in place.

I hope like us, this is the news you were hoping for. We know that it won't be quite 'normal' school but it is a lot closer than it has been since March and judging by the brilliant way your

children have coped so far I am sure they will manage the changes well. It's probably us adults who will find it hardest!

I will be in touch again before the end of the term with more details. If you have a child starting in Year R you will be hearing about our plan for them this week - we have made some tweaks but it won't be much different to what we have done before.

Once again can I thank you for your constant support, kind words and cakes (more today!) This has been an incredibly challenging time to be a Headteacher, but I can't think of anywhere else I would rather be!

Have a good weekend,
With love from Jacky