

Dear parents/carers

May 15th 2020

School Reopening for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes

Following the PM's announcement around school re-opening, we have received more detail about what this may look like, and are currently working to see how best to put this into practice.

What we do know is that the recommendation is for pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return to schools from June 1st (depending on the monitoring of the threat of Covid-19 and the government's 5 tests) so this is not necessarily a start date for all classes. Then, the government want all primary children back one month before the summer holidays begin.

We do know that class sizes will be no bigger than 15 (and we are working on groups of 10), and we also know that these groups will be staying together for the whole day, including breaks, as groups are advised not to mix with other groups. Our corridors will have barriers and markings to observe social distancing.

With regards to the curriculum, we will need to consider how best to manage learning in classroom for those returning to school, so that any pupils not returning are not disadvantaged. The Google Classroom distant learning will be used for both the children at school and those choosing to stay at home.

At lunchtimes, Reception and Year 1 children will be provided with packed lunches to eat with the class group. The provision of food vouchers for those eligible under the benefits criteria will also continue to be available for those not attending.

In terms of the school day, we will be staggering pick-up and drop-off, and the limit is 1 parent picking up or dropping off children with 2m markings on the paths leading up to the gates. Fortunately, having five school gates manned by a member of the SLT and premises team, will ensure that parents should not congregate at the school gates to minimise contact with the children and staff.

The government has also announced that any parents choosing not to send in their children will not face fines or consequences. They have also indicated that children in families with someone who is extremely vulnerable should still remain at home. This guidance can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/covid-19-guidance-on-protecting-people-most-likely-to-get-unwell-from-coronavirus-shielding-young-peoples-version>

Some adults and young people have health conditions that mean they are more likely to get very unwell and might have to go to hospital if they catch coronavirus (COVID-19). These people are described as being **extremely clinically vulnerable** and include those who:

- have had a solid organ transplant - kidney, liver, pancreas, heart, or lung
- are having treatments for some cancers
- have severe long-term lung disease including cystic fibrosis and severe asthma
- have rare diseases and inborn errors of metabolism that increase their risk of infection
- are on medication that compromises their immune system and so are much more likely to get infections and become seriously unwell from the

For vulnerable children with EHCPs who will struggle with the social distancing concept, they will be risk assessed by the SENCO and parents will be contacted. Also, please inform us if you have received a shielding letter to say that your child needs to isolate for 12 weeks.

Can I please request to let us know as soon as possible, if your child/ren will be returning to school once we are open? This allows us to gauge numbers, plan class sizes and groups accordingly? If you reply to lfpaoffice@theparkfederation.org or **call the office on 0208 5732622** we would really appreciate it. We will also be following this up with phone calls and emails.

Let me end by saying a huge thank you for your continued support of the Academy, and for the many kind messages and emails to myself and the staff; they really do make a huge difference in these difficult times.

I hope you are all keeping safe and well by following the government's guidance.

Warmest regards



Ms H Buttar
Principal

If LFPA opens in June will your child/ren be attending?

Yes

No

Does your child live in a household where someone is classed as ‘**extremely clinically vulnerable**’?

Yes

No

Child's name : _____ Child's class : _____