

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your correspondence about the phased reopening of the school on 3rd June.

There has been some very helpful feedback and a number of common questions which I will try to answer now.

We will send a Bubble list out to you all before the children come back to school so you know where to go on your first day. This will also let you know which adults are leading the Bubble. The adults will also be recording a message for the children and videoing the bubble room so they can see what it is like before they start. We are expecting this to be available on the afternoon of Monday 1st June.

We are not surveying parents before the reopening to find out who is coming to school or not. This is because the DfE guidelines state that we should be preparing a place for every child in those year groups. I also think parents and families have been placed under significant pressure over the last few weeks and I do not wish to add to that pressure. It is entirely parental choice if you wish to send your child back.

Your child does not have to start back at school on the 3rd June, they may start later if you prefer. We are asking that if you want to delay the start date we will be taking children back into school on Mondays only. This is so that the bubble and their planning is not impacted by children coming into the group mid-week. The children in the bubble will get used to additional children joining them on a Monday and teachers can plan to support returners on that day.

If a parent wants to withdraw a child from school at any time they can but they will need to wait until the next Monday for them to return. Any normal absenteeism due to being unwell (not connected to Covid 19) needs to be reported to the office in the usual way and then the children can of course return the next day.

Children can't dip in and out of the bubble. This is because we are offering an appropriate and adapted curriculum and this will be very disruptive for all the other children. English and Maths lessons will take place every day and dipping in and out will be extremely difficult for your child as well as the other children in the group.

I will send out further information about ordering school lunches later this week.

I hope this helps for now, however, I will respond to additional questions as they come in.

Yours sincerely,

Lorraine Quirk