

Parent Information re School Opening

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child back to school and we have been busy preparing for this day over the past few weeks. The school building is clear and organised and timetables in place to make it work for all. Obviously, we will review daily and weekly once we have put our ideas into practice. We are committed to making it right for all as we want the very best for the children in our care. The degree of normality that school can offer will be good for all, so we want to get it right. Whereas it will not be the same, we have planned and organised activities that will motivate children, and also prepare them for the next stage of their learning journeys. We do hope that by July we will also be able to plan an exciting transition for our Year 6 pupils that will meet regulations, but also give an amazing closure to their time at SRG, as well as a preparation for senior school.

Reminder:

Monday 1st June - Key workers only - booking required

Tuesday 2nd June - Year 1, 6 and Reception

Please read the following really carefully

School drop off and collection

We will do our meet and greet from the playground car park as the children can quickly access the rooms from there. They will also be returned from that point.

Timings

Siblings can be dropped off together and will filter into rooms, but we suggest that unless they're being collected at 4pm, they are collected at the youngest child's times - we do not want anyone waiting.

Drop Off

8.00am	8.15am	8.30am	8.45am	9.00am
All requests	Key Workers	Reception	Year 6a Year 6b	Year 1

Collection

3.00pm	3.15pm	3.30pm	3.45pm	4.00pm
Reception a Reception b	Year 1b Year 1a	Year 6a Year 6	Key Workers	All requests

Children walking to school should enter the green gate and walk down the slope to the adults who will guide them.

We ask all adults to maintain social distancing with one another and to not congregate on school grounds or surroundings.

The children will be in bubbles supported by two of our talented support staff, and one will be in the room to receive them from 8am as others from the bubble arrive. They will continue on activity until registration.

We ask for as little as possible to be brought to school after the first day.

On the first day we would like them to bring and leave in school:

- Coat
- Sunhat
- Trainers
- Water Bottle (plastic not metal please and also dishwasher proof)
- Any medication needed - email form to school
- A spare set of clothes to stay at school (reception/yr 1 to include underwear just in case!)

Please make sure names are clear

Dinners

We are encouraging all to have a school dinner - the kitchen are using grab and go boxes. KS1 children will have these provided as part of the normal scheme and we are going to trial providing without cost for all children on site. If your child is going to have a packed lunch we ask for it to come in disposable packaging that can be binned after use. We are preventing travel around the building unless necessary, so storage of lunches in hot weather is a concern, hence the request to take school meals.

We will be providing a snack at breaktime for the same reasons.

Key Worker Children

On Monday to Thursday we request all children to attend full days as we do not have the capacity to collect children from other areas during the day unless in an emergency.

The key worker provision is changing in line with the additional children on site. We are going to create a Year 2/3 bubble overseen by Miss Appleby and support staff and Year 4/5 overseen by Mr Arundell and support staff.

The lessons set for their year groups will be completed and some will be delivered by the staff involved. They will be part of the timetables for the outside areas.

Please make sure you book as far forward as you can so registers can be made etc.

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New systems

We are following the guidance that the most important step to prevent infection is handwashing, so this will become part of the routine many times during the day.

We have set up cleaning supplies in each used space inside and out and every member of staff will be involved in wiping down regularly. However, Trish will be doing a clean at lunchtime in addition, this will focus on the toilet areas in particular.

We are waiting for our pedal bins but the correct use and disposal of tissues will be taught and expected.

We have prepared the classrooms but will be using our many outside spaces as well to deliver lessons and activities.. We will be encouraging social distancing, but it is important to understand that 2m is not going to be maintained by all at all times at primary age. This is why the hand washing and cleaning is so important.

Equipment will be cleaned daily and any with intricate parts have been put away.

Children will stay within their bubble with key staff at all times and the areas have been timetabled to enable this to happen.

Mrs Cunningham will deliver sessions at social distance so that both bubbles gain from her expertise. Mrs James will be doing the same. Mrs Hawkings will be preparing videos and coordinating all teaching from home initially, as she will not be back in the building till a little later. Mr Hambly will be involved in the support of this on site, however the two groups are going to be ably guided by the Year 1 team who are really organised and experienced.

How you can help

- 1) It is really important that if any member of your family is showing any symptoms you do not send your child to school, but make sure the family member is tested. If negative then the child can return to school. The health of the family is key to keeping schools open and safe. If any family member has a positive diagnosis the child should be kept isolated for 14 days.
- 2) Please can you send your child in clean clothes every day. PE Kit or School uniform acceptable to help this.
- 3) Try to avoid any unnecessary possessions coming in.
- 4) Do not enter the school building. Meetings with staff can be arranged of course. To do this please email or ask at drop off.
- 5) Talk to your child about handwashing, hygiene and social distancing.
- 6) Let us know of any concerns your child has so we can support.
- 7) Apply suntan lotion if required before school.
- 8) Encourage children to have a really positive attitude and look on the bright side. Different can be exciting and fun at school!!

Behaviour and support

We will be in contact if any child causes concern and is deliberately breaking the rules put in place for safety. However, with the staffing we have we do not expect this to be a problem.

Nic Jones and Susan Green will be not only working with the children who have been receiving sessions previously, but will also support the transition process for all children in school. We are so fortunate to have the trained staff available to do this. Sessions will be held outside in the fresh air. Many of you over the past weeks have shared concerns your child may have had, but if you have not just, pick up the phone or email me so we can target support in school over the next few weeks.

So finally...

Coming back to where we started we look forward to welcoming your children and we have a staff team ready and a building well prepared for this to happen. We will be reviewing and refining systems as I am sure there will be things we can improve. But to reassure you, the governors and staff have all worked really hard and been involved in all aspects of the preparation. Over the past weeks we have kept you up to date with the things we have been doing and on Wednesday, the majority of the staff were able to come and do a final clear and tidy to ensure we are ready. As always, the strong team approach stands out and I am indebted to the team that I am privileged to lead.

See you on Tuesday.