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Dear Parents / Carers,

Further to the previous letter sent today we would like to inform you of the plans that we have in place to ensure the continuing support for you as a parent of a Y1 child.

We are currently **aiming** to invite Y1 children to school **from** Monday 15th June. This will be dependent upon the number of children we have accessing the Key Worker provision.

As a school, we feel that we need to ensure that you are fully aware and inform you what school would be like for your child when we are following the guidance set by the Government and the Local Authority. School will not be school as you know it. Of course, we want children to be back in school and learning, but it has to be done in a way that is manageable and as safe as it can be.

Please note, the following documents are key amongst those that have been used in drawing up the proposals we have made. We are also using the East Riding Plan to support a Coordinated, Phased Return.

[Opening schools and educational settings to more pupils from 1 June: guidance for parents and carers](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings](#)

The following detail is being shared to inform you of what we have had to implement in order to prepare for the wider opening of the school.

1. Children in each class will be split into two groups, with specified adults. These adults may not necessarily be your child's usual class teacher.
2. These groups will be referred to as a 'bubble'. Children will potentially not be with their friends and will not be able to mix with any other bubble in school.
3. School will be open Monday to Thursday each week with staggered start times. These times will be sent out at a later date.
4. Should an adult be absent, it will be very unlikely that we will be able to provide staff cover and as such, children in that bubble will not be able to attend school.
5. Children will be provided with a school packed lunch. Children will be eating their packed lunch in their designated classroom with the allocated adults. Lunch and break times will be staggered and will only be taken with members of their own bubble.
6. We will arrange the classroom to have 2 metres distance between tables, side by side where possible. All unnecessary furniture will be removed along with soft furnishings, toys and items with small intricate parts.
7. Each child will have an allocated seat by themselves at a table and a personal set of resources. Sharing and borrowing of these will not be permitted.



8. Children are only to bring to school their packed lunch (if not having a packed lunch supplied by school), water bottle and coat.
9. Children will be allocated specific toilets and areas of the school grounds which they can access.
10. Movement around school will be minimised. The current outdoor area will be physically divided into five discrete areas.
11. More use of outdoor space (weather permitting) during set times and in designated locations.
12. Once we have established attendance, we will contact parents directly with regards to where to bring and pick up your child.
13. Strict guidance has been given in regard to parents on site and travelling to school, which we will have to ask you to adhere to. This will mean that one parent only should bring or collect a child. Please can parents not gather on the school site and follow at all times social distancing protocols and displayed signage. We would also ask that should you need to communicate with the school, that this is done by email or telephone as we are restricting all visitors into the school.
14. If there are shielding concerns for your child, or they live with someone who is classed as clinically extremely vulnerable, attendance is not advised at this stage.
15. Children and staff should also not attend who have symptoms or who are self-isolating due to illness in their household.
16. Frequent hand washing and good hygiene practices will continue to be promoted and facilities for this will be provided within each bubble. Hand sanitiser and tissues will also be provided. Children and staff will be expected to wash their hands on arrival and departure, as well as regularly throughout the day.
17. Children will be reminded about covering their mouths when coughing and sneezing and of using tissues appropriately (catch it, kill it, bin it) and we would appreciate this message being reinforced at home.
18. Please be aware that staff may be wearing PPE, particularly if they are required to change a child following an accident or if administering first aid.
19. Infection control in school will mean that initially, children will need to be taught explicitly about the necessary hygiene rules and routines that will apply.
20. The school will prepare a cleaning regime that includes all areas used and frequently touched surfaces and equipment.
21. In regard to learning, the priorities for young children at this time are re socialisation into new style school routines, supporting mental health and well-being.

We are committed to the protection and safety of our pupils and staff and safeguarding is a priority. I will, however, totally understand if, given all of the above, you decide that you do not wish your child to return to school at present. There will be no fines issued for non-attendance. Under these particular circumstances, it is very important that you, as parents and carers, know that you have a choice as to what is best for your child and your family. I will support you in that choice.

Please note, if your child is in both Y1 and the Key Worker category, you will have to choose which of the provision offers you intend to take up. This is because we have to ensure strict separation of bubbles.

Please can you inform us by email or phone call whether or not you intend to return your child to school by 5<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00pm so that we are then able to organise staffing accordingly. Thank you for your continued support in this extremely difficult time.



Yours sincerely

Liz Pollard

Headteacher

