



Dear parents and carers.

#### The latest news

We hope you and your families are well during these very unsettling times.

You will all be aware of the government plans to begin to reopen schools **from** the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. We are stressing the word **from** here as there is an expectation from some that schools will simply reopen their doors to vast amounts of children on that exact date. This is not going to be the case.

The government have issued guidance around reopening and have acknowledged that this will be challenging and worrying for children, parents and staff.

Hull Local Authority, all primary Headteachers and our academy trust HCAT have together stated that schools will only reopen to year groups when it is safe to do so. This will be a phased approach. We have so far planned for the following:

- On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June we will begin by opening to the Foundation Stage 2 children first (Reception). Parents have already been contacted and have booked their places. A separate letter will be issued with further information.
- For all other year groups we will continue to give priority to the children of key workers.
- We will then aim to plan for year 1 returning before the Summer break before making decisions about whether year 6 will return.

The safety of every single person is of the upmost importance and this will continue to be the case as we progress out of the national lockdown measures and begin to welcome children back to school. It is worth mentioning that all of the intended plans are based on the national infection rate continuing to fall so things may well change.

We fully understand that you will have concerns and may still wish to continue to keep your children off school. If this is the case, in line with the guidance from the DFE we can confirm that there will be no fines issued due to non-attendance. We just ask that you inform the school whether you intend to continue to educate your children at home.

We have begun to list below the measures that are being taken already in school to plan for the safe opening of school to more children and these plans will continue to develop as time goes on.



How will school be different on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020?

The key message is that school will look very different for the foreseeable future.

We are aiming to create a new norm for everybody given the present circumstances. We have listed the steps that we as a school are taking to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can:

#### Classroom and education:

- Children may not have their normal classteacher.
- Normal work will be provided to all children who attend and we will attempt a near normal timetable to the day. The work that children complete in school will be the same as the home learning provided online.
- Children will be learning how to be more independent and get on with the learning themselves. This is so that we can support staff in being able to implement social distancing.
- Children will be kept in a bubble group of no more than 10 children a room and **will not** be mixing with other children including at break and lunchtimes.
- Once the bubbles of 10 children have been created then they **cannot** be changed for the foreseeable so it is vital that the numbers we start with on June 1<sup>st</sup> stay the same.
- The guidance states that where possible children should stay 2m apart but “do not need to be 2m apart”
- Social distancing EVEN with 10 children will be extremely difficult, we will not be able to keep children in a group of 10, 2m apart at all times. We think it important that you have this information and that we are honest and transparent.
- We will ensure cleaning of hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- Although the teaching style will have to change, learning will still be taking place at some level. It is likely the children in school will be doing the same or very similar work to that which will be sent home for those continuing with Home Learning.
- We will aim to spend more time outside with the children (weather permitting!)
- Transition from Year 6 to Year 7 will be a challenge for schools; please do understand that in our schools this could be limited or in some instances not even possible. The schools are reliant on your child’s destination school being able to engage with us. More details will follow once we know more.



#### Safety and hygiene:

- We will minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or have someone in their household who does, do not attend.
- Should anyone develop symptoms in your child's group whilst in school, we will be asking all within that group to remain at home until a test has been taken and a negative result is received. At this point the group will be allowed back into school.
- We will ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach.
- Children WILL NOT be able to share anything between groups though children within groups may be using the same equipment.
- We WILL NOT send anything home from school; please keep things that brought into school to an absolute minimum.
- Where possible please ensure your child wears clean clothes each day, this does not have to be school uniform.

#### Start and end to the day:

- Children will enter school via a separate entrance so to not mix with others and will stay in the same classroom with their own area for play.
- Opening and Closing times will be staggered to ensure social distancing can be observed at all times – see below for details:
- Key Worker children may enter school between 8:30am and 8:45am via the Foundation 1 door (the routine currently being followed) Children must arrive between these times and will not be allowed to enter school via the office so they must be in school on time.
- Reception children must be brought to school between 9:00 and 9:30am. Please do not arrive at school before 9:00am as the gate will be closed. These children will go into school via the year one door. (A sign will be on the playground) Please make sure they are in before 9:30am as the gates will be closed at this time.
- The school office will be closed for face to face contact, there – if you need to speak with a member of staff then please email or telephone.
- The main gate leading into school will be locked and the other gate must be used. Once on school site please do deliver your children without stopping to talk to other parents then leave promptly. If there is a queue at the door then there will be 2 metre makers present so please respect these.



- There will be an expectation that parents social distance at all times on the school site. If someone comes close to you then, in line with government guidelines please remind them of the need to stay 2 metres away.

#### School meal voucher scheme

- Please note that the vouchers for school meals will no longer be issued once your children return to school.

#### Home learning during closures:

If your child is still being educated at home then staff will continue to prepare lots of work for the children to do at home. We are seeing some excellent work being done by you and your children so thank you for your support with this. Teachers will continue to make contact with all children on a weekly basis and are always contactable should you need them.

**Please note that from Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> paper packs of work will no longer be provided.**

#### Finally.....

In the meantime, I would please ask that you are patient with us on this matter until we have all the guidance and plans in place to share with you. Everything we know at the moment is in this letter and we are doing the best we can to minimise risk. Further information will be shared with you as soon as we get it.

Please keep safe everybody.

Best wishes

Mr Batty and Mrs Pearce