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Final arrangements for the possible reopening of school from Monday 1st June

Dear Parents/Carers and Children

Following my letter last week I am now in a position to inform you of the final arrangements for the possible reopening of school from Monday 1st June. **Should the Government fully confirm schools are to open for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 then our school will be fully open to all these classes, as well as continuing provision for Key Worker and Vulnerable children.** This is only possible due to the hard work, dedication and commitment of the whole staff team. I would like to put on record my thanks to the whole team at school who have continued providing Key Worker support, home learning and home/school communication for the whole time of our closure and have spent this week preparing and organising school for the return of these classes.

The following practical arrangements outline how we have adapted provision to meet the Government guidance. This expands on information given in previous correspondence and will be continuously reviewed:

'Bubbles' (These were explained in the previous letter)

Current low pupil numbers indicate we will initially have 4 bubbles in school. One for each year group returning and one for Key Worker children. These are at the limit of adult/pupil ratio and in the event more children request to return to school these bubbles may be split into 2 groups. At present all children will be in their usual classroom.

Staggered start/end of day

We have made some changes to timings to minimise mixing and restrict the number people on the school site. Please arrive and leave promptly at the times given and only 1 parent should accompany children on the school premises. **It is of vital importance parents/carers model effective social distancing and do not congregate on or near the school site. Some signage will be in place and school staff will be on hand to support.** There is no specific one-way system around the school grounds – the 2 main points of entry are the main gate and the large gate adjacent to the KS1 playground. The gate to the KS2 playground will remain locked.

Year Group	Start of School	End of School	Location
Reception	9:15am	3:15pm	Usual Reception Door
Year 1	9am	3:30pm	Usual Year 1 Door
Year 6	9am	3:30pm	KS2 Entrance
Key Worker Children	8:30am	3:30pm	Year 3 Fire Door

School meals

Children in Reception and KS1 will be eligible for a Free School Meal and are encouraged to order one. Other children are welcome to purchase meals as usual. Mrs Howard has put together a slightly reduced menu, however this continues to show how we are committed to providing healthy nutritious lunches for the children. A menu accompanies this newsletter. We appreciate it will be difficult to finalise orders for Monday so we will ensure most options are available to the children. Hard copies of the menu will be distributed on Monday 1st to be returned by Tuesday 2nd. Children are welcome to bring a packed lunch if they wish. Packed Lunches are the only items the children are allowed to bring into school from home.

Uniform

This is not required for time being to support the guidance which says that a **daily change of clothes helps to prevent the spread of infection.** Children must wear clothes that are practical and suitable for outdoor games and running around as we will not be getting changed for any sporting activities. **Children must not bring any items to school from home** – all children will have individual stationary packs and all the resources they need. **No school bag or book bag is required.** We may send small learning items home but these will be managed by staff in line with our hygiene procedures.



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School Transport

We have been instructed to ask that all parents/carers transport their child to school themselves unless they have no other option. This is the case even if children are normally entitled to school transport. This will help further support social distancing. For all Lincolnshire County Council transport enquiries please contact TSG@lincolnshire.gov.uk

We will only be able to offer a **skeleton minibus service** to those in the most need. We are planning to start this service **from Monday 8th June**. Please **inform school ASAP if you require a space on our minibus** and we will put a timetable together next week. We may not be able to accept all requests.

Curriculum

We will be returning to the fundamental aspects of the National Curriculum with a clear focus on Maths and English. This may require some revision of basic skills. We will be prioritising a well-being focused curriculum and making extensive use of our grounds in further developing outdoor learning opportunities. Mrs Abualzulof and Mrs Sandiford will be designing a well-being offer for all children to support reintegration into school life and ensure children have the opportunity to talk freely about the impact this global pandemic has had on their lives. The importance of hygiene and regular hand washing will also be built into the curriculum.

Extra-Curricular Activities

There will be no breakfast club for the remainder of the summer term and no after school clubs. JB Sports will be leading separate PE sessions for Rec, Y1 and Key Worker children on a Monday afternoon.

Communication

Please only use the school office as a matter of urgency. For non-urgent matters please telephone or email. Staff will be available for **very** brief conversations at the start and end of the day but for a more in-depth and private conversation please arrange a telephone appointment. **Access inside the school building is for staff and children only**. Please also continue to use the contact forms on the class pages of the school website.

Home Learning

This will continue to the same standard to support all the children and families who do not send their child to school. Please also continue to use the contact forms on the class pages of the school website.

Well-being Check-ins

All children and families not in school will receive a well-being check in phone call from class teachers in the week commencing 8th June.

Free School Meal Vouchers

These will be **available for all eligible families in the week commencing Monday 1st June**. Children attending school will not be eligible for vouchers and will receive their FSM at school. This will apply even if they do not attend the full week. We will let you know when these are available.

Thank you all again for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions or requests. We are only expecting a small number of children in school from Monday 1st June. **Please note any children wishing to return to school after this date will need to discuss this matter with me first as this will affect our ratios and the size of each 'bubble'. We may not be able to accommodate extra children immediately but we will work on a plan to facilitate a return as soon as possible.** As previously mentioned we can make no guarantees in relation to social distancing but we can ensure we correctly follow all Government guidance in facilitating a safe return to school for the children and staff that will be attending. We look forward to welcoming these children back to school and continuing supporting those not attending from Monday 1st June.

Yours sincerely

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