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Dear Parents / Carers

Following on from the announcement by the government and after the publication of further guidance, we are writing to update you on our plans for the reopening of school on 15th June 2020.

We have had a health and safety expert out to review our building and to help advise school regarding all of our reopening risk assessments.

The plan is to reopen in a gradual phased approach. This reopening of school is not the same as operating as a childcare offer which we have done very effectively for key workers since we closed. There is different guidance now to follow laid out by the government.

The plan for 15th June 2020 is to open for key workers and vulnerable children and Y6 first.

Here is some detail that I hope will be helpful to you regarding the reopening:

- Children will be taught in home groups / Pods based around their age of no more than 15 in a group. This will mean that different teachers will be teaching children during the week but those teachers / support staff are working with the same group of children. Children will be allocated to their home group / Pod by senior leaders. It may not be possible for the children to be with their usual class teacher.
- Children will have their own desk, chair, key resources in a work pack e.g. pencil, ruler etc, in their allocated classroom / learning space. They will not be seated with or play with other children.
- Our timetable will be structured - the days will be similar to what the children are used to. Maths English and some other subjects will be taught along with a worship / reflection session and an outside break (Children will be in zones so children can play with others in social distanced games but within their Pod). Outdoor equipment will not be in use.
- Children will be wearing their uniform if it still fits but if not please don't buy new – they will be able to wear comfortable clothes suitable for school which will need to be washed every day as per government guidelines. They will need a PE kit and sun hat / cap. Please only send your child to school with laces if they can fasten them on their own.
- Children will need to bring a packed lunch which will be eaten in the classroom. Lunch times will be staggered and the children will have some time to play outside within their Pod grouping.
- Children will need to bring in their own labelled water bottle and take it home each night to wash it and refill please.
- Pods will be allocated their own toilet area which may be unisex depending on the location of their pod.

- Children may bring their own hand sanitiser in if you wish but this must be labelled clearly with their name and not shared with other children.
- School will open officially at the usual time of 8.50am. The plan is that children will be able to arrive between 8.40 – 9.15am and will say goodbye to their parent at the gate at which they are allocated. We are offering a staggered approach so that parents / carers can socially distance as they drop off their child. Parents will not be allowed onto the school site. Please make sure only one adult brings your child to school – no siblings to be brought to the school site please.
- School will officially finish at 3.10m but again we will be offering a staggered collection so please arrive at your allocated gate at the allocated time and queue in a socially distanced queue and wait for your child to be dismissed to you. If your child can walk home alone – please let us know when you book your child's place via email. There are no plans to reopen after school club provision at this point.

We cannot promise to you that we will keep your child socially distanced (2 metres away) from other children and staff. Despite the measures we can put in place and instructions from staff, children will forget, children will want to play with others and staff will want to comfort someone who is upset if they fall over in the playground. Please remember that sending your child to school at this time is voluntary, we will continue to provide learning opportunities for any child who is still based at home.

KEY WORKERS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

If you think your child comes under the key worker category and you wish your child to return to school on 15th June then please e-mail the school office on Huytonwithroby@knowsley.gov.uk to confirm that you wish your child to attend school when it reopens stating their name, class and giving proof of your key worker status.

For any child who has been attending the childcare regularly, we have already planned for these children to attend so these parents do not need to email unless you have not attended since half term or unless there are changes you wish to notify us of.

YEAR GROUP 6

Please email the school with your child name to apply for a place. If you have already emailed you do not need to email again as we have held this list.

All applications for a place whether it be for a key worker, vulnerable child or a Y6 place must be received by 12.00pm Monday 8th June. Any applications which are received after this may not be allocated a place based on availability.

This information is on the school app, Dojo and the website. If you know of a parent / carer who does not access these – please spread the word so that they can apply if they wish.

Places will be confirmed by Thursday 11th June. Please do not bring your child to school if you have not had a place confirmed.

Further information at the point of confirmation of a place will be shared so that you can prepare your child for their return to school.

Kind Regards

J. Stratford

Headteacher

