

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Wider Re-opening of School for Reception, YR1 and Yr6

Dear Parent/Carers

As promised, I write to give you more detailed information following the government's decision to partially reopen primary schools:

#### Who can attend?

This will apply to pupils in Reception (Usa Major Class), Year 1 (Pegasus Class) and Year 6 (Aquila Class) only.

We have safely kept the School open for parents of key workers and vulnerable pupils since 20<sup>th</sup> March. These children will also continue to attend. Government advice is that, '**children and young people in eligible year groups are strongly encouraged to attend so that they can gain the educational wellbeing benefits of attending.**' However, attendance is not compulsory and those parents who do not send their children to school will not be penalised for doing so.

#### Who returns to school when?

**Aquila Class** (Yr6) start date is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

- Monday to Thursday 9:30am to 1:30pm.
- **There will be no school on Fridays.**
- Breakfast Club will run from 9:15am to 9:30am
- The school gate will be open between 9:15 – 9:40am for start of day and from 1:30pm for pick up.

**Ursa Major Class** (Reception) return date is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Morning and afternoon provision is available from Monday to Thursday. There will be **no school provision on Fridays.**

- **Bubble Group 1:** 9:15 – 11:15am (gates will open at 9:00 to 9:25am for morning drop off and 11:15 to 11:25pm for pick up)
- **Bubble Group 2:** 1:15 – 2:15 (gates will open between 1:15 – 1:25pm for afternoon drop off and 2:15 – 2:25pm for pick up)

Staff will contact you to confirm which bubble your child will attend.

**Pegasus Class** (Yr1) start date is **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

- Monday to Thursday 9:30am to 1:30pm.
- The school gate will be open between 9:00 – 9:40am for start of day and at 1:30pm for pick up.
- **Fridays** 9:30 to 11:45am (gates will open from 11.30 for pick up)
- Breakfast Club will run for Yr6 from 9:00am to 9:30am

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**Key Workers and Vulnerable pupils** (Years 2/3/4 and 5) provision will continue as usual Monday to Thursday from 10am to 2pm. Fridays from 10am to 12 pm (key workers can access provision until 2pm if needed).

- The School gate will open between 9:45 – 10:10am for drop off and between 2:00 – 2:15pm for pick up. Fridays, the school gates will open between 12:00 – 12:15pm for pick up.

As you can see the school will only be open for a half-day on Fridays for a few children, closing at 12pm those in. This is due to staffing numbers and to allow time for teachers to plan and prepare for both classroom and remote home learning for the following week. Pupils attending school on Friday will be provided with a packed lunch to take home.

### How are we going do it?

Please see the attached booklet: **Keeping Pupils and Staff Safe at Halley** for further information about the steps we are taking to keep our School community safe.

You may notice we have asked for minimal parental contact. Please ensure only one identified family member comes to the school to drop and pick up children. As much as possible, we encourage Year 6 children to travel alone (please notify us if you would like this to happen if this is not an already an agreed arrangement with the School). Family members should drop their children at the gate promptly in the morning. Parents/carers may access the playground at the end of the day but we kindly remind you of the importance of mainlining social distancing. If you wish to speak to a teacher – please call the office and make a telephone appointment.

### You can help us by:

- Bringing your son/daughter to school on time – please see gate opening and closing times above.
- Providing your child with a water bottle and packet of tissues if necessary.
- Ensuring your child wears clean clothes on a daily basis – they do not need to wear a school uniform.
- Reassuring and discussing some of the changes that your son/daughter will experience on their return to School (there are stories and booklets on the School website to support you with these conversations)

We understand that there will be many questions and we want to offer our continued support to our parent community in these difficult and uncertain times. Please do read the guidance we have provided carefully so you have a more detailed understanding of what schooling will look like for returning year groups and keep a look out for the ‘welcome back’ video which should be up on the website very soon.

We will of course continue to provide activities for home learning using TEAMS, and classroom pages on the School website for our wider school community who are not attending and class teachers will continue to make their fortnightly learning calls.

Take care and stay safe.

Warmest regards,



Headteacher