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5th June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

RE: EYFS – Return to School

Over the last few weeks, a great deal of information and guidance has been sent to schools in relation to a potential wider re-opening. The Government has conveyed their expectations of children in Nursery, Reception, Yr.1 and Yr.6 returning to school, and currently, staff are busy preparing classrooms and the school grounds, in readiness for this. At Nursery Hill, we have worked tirelessly to create a plan of action that is believed to be the best way forward. We have carefully assessed the risks, and decisions been taken to ensure the safety of children, staff and parents alike.

It is important however, that you and your child/children are aware that school life will be very different when they return on **Monday 8th June**. While the day will be staggered, to reduce the number of parents on the playground, and facilitate social distancing, the school will also be closed each Friday. This will allow for an additional deep clean of the site, alongside the provision of PPA sessions for our teaching staff who will be maintaining online learning tasks for those families choosing to remain at home during this partial re-opening.

Within the classroom, children will be expected to remain two metres apart, limiting the classroom to small groups, which will be known as ‘bubbles’. Once the children enter the school they will sanitize their hands. To avoid cross contamination, the children will remain with their ‘bubbles’ throughout the day, including break and lunchtimes. Classroom doors and windows will remain open, to allow for good ventilation.

At lunch time the children will be served a hot meal by lunchtime supervisors, to those eligible, while families at home will continue to access FSM vouchers.

It is essential that the children come into school in fresh, clean clothes everyday so they will not be required to wear school uniform. Clothing must though be appropriate for school and any physical activity that may be planned. Personal belongings, including book bags, will not be required and children will not be allowed to bring any items from home, into school.

It is vital that those children returning, arrive at school on time, strictly adhering to the times allocated. For all year groups, only one parent will be allowed on site for pick up / drop off and strict social distancing must be followed. Parents/carers will also have the responsibility for ensuring their children are also socially distanced whilst they are on the school site. Staff will be in the playground each day to direct you to the appropriate pathway. Please use the main gate (the times will be staggered according to your child’s year group). Can we ask that you leave school site promptly to avoid cross contamination.

As part of this phased re-opening, staff will be mindful of safety and the mental, emotional and physical wellbeing of all our stakeholders. We recognise that lockdown has caused the loss of routine, structure and freedom of movement. In response, class ‘bubbles’ will have their own time



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for discussion and reflection each day, where they may share their lived experience. Staff will also support children's handwashing throughout the day, and proactively train children in new rules and routines that reflect our new 'normality'.

In terms of academic learning we will be prioritising speaking and listening, reading skills (including phonics), maths knowledge, physical development and transition (particularly in Yr.6 where staff will work towards the children being 'secondary ready'). Where opportunities for outdoor learning can be implemented, these will be strongly encouraged.

If a child should become unwell during the day, and show symptoms compatible with coronavirus - a new continuous cough, or a high temperature - they will be removed from the classroom and remain in isolation until collected by their parent / carer, who will have been contacted immediately. Please note that the member of staff providing this personal care will be wearing personal protective equipment to do so. Should the child subsequently test positive, the rest of the bubble will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Their household members would not need to self-isolate however, unless the child subsequently developed symptoms.

We are aiming to create and maintain a culture of vigilance. Practices will be closely monitored and adjusted in line with Government updates and guidance, but, as always, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Ms J Clarke
Head of School

Year Group	EYFS
Times	Nursery – 9:00am – 12:00 noon Reception – 9:00am – 2:45pm
Staff	Mrs Wright, Mrs Chapman
Access Entrance	Main Gate (walk through the playground, follow the social distancing markers towards EYFS and wait on the social distance markers.)
Drop off / Collection Point	Wooden Gate – Entry To EYFS
Exit at the End of the Day	Main Gate (walk through the playground, follow the social distancing markers towards EYFS and wait on the social distance markers for your child to be dismissed)

We ask that parents follow the safety procedures and leave immediately after dropping off and collecting their child. Stay Safe, Stay Alert, Be Kind.

