



HEATH FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are aware, it is the plan that all children in all year groups will return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term. In September we look forward to welcoming all of our children back to Heath Fields, alongside those children who are joining us in reception. The government has announced that 'school attendance is mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term.'

As we plan for the return of all children, following the guidance issued last Thursday, I wish to share some of these initial plans with you and the way school will be organised, so that you can begin your own preparations for your children returning to school.

We realise that many of our children will have been out of school for almost six months when we return. For many of our children we understand that returning to school and getting back into school routines and structures may be challenging. We hope to support our children make a successful return to school by having an initial two mornings in school where the children can undertake transition activities with their new class teacher. We then plan to engage children in our 'welcome back curriculum' where they will work on whole school projects based on the themes of hope, togetherness and resilience. We plan to introduce our formal time table in about week 3 of the autumn term when we have assessed the children and identified any gaps in their learning.

- **Wednesday 2nd** September INSET day – staff training and final preparations for children returning.
- **Thursday 3rd** September – children return – Years 1 to 6 in school for the morning involved in transition and welcome back activities with their new teacher. (timings to be advised, **but morning only** until 12.15 pm)
- **Friday 4th** September – years 1 to 6 in school for the morning and staying for lunch. (timings to be advised, **but morning only** until 1.15 pm)
- From **Monday 7th** September – years 1 to 6 in school for the full school day. (timings to be advised as staggered start and finish times to be in place)

School will be organised, following the guidance issued by government, in the following way:

- Normal school uniform to be worn.
- Children should only bring in essential equipment – named water bottle, bag, coat, lunch box. Pencil case containing pens, pencils, pencil crayons etc.
- Class groups being contained within their own 'bubble' and not mixing with children from other classes, other bubbles.





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- To avoid the mixing of groups there will be no large gatherings such as assemblies with more than one group.
 - Where possible children will be sat at desks side by side and facing forwards.
 - Staggered break times and lunch times to avoid mixing with other bubbles
 - Each bubble to have an allocated area of the playground/field
 - Entrance/exit via playground class room doors to minimise internal movement around school.
 - Start times and finish times to be staggered for each class – parents will be asked to stick to these times.
 - A strong emphasis on hand and respiratory hygiene – regular hand washing, tissues available in all rooms (catch it, bin it, kill it), hand sanitisers located at each class room.
 - Enhanced cleaning regime including more regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.
 - Regular cleaning of any shared resources.
 - Social distancing to be encouraged with all pupils. Social distancing measures will be in place both inside and outside of school. Children and parents will be expected to adhere to social distancing when dropping off and collecting children.
 - No contact games to be played.
 - School lunches to be provided in a 'grab bag' containing a sandwich, burger or hot dog. Parents to be advised of choices available.
 - No one will be allowed to attend school who has symptoms of Covid-19. Children who display any symptoms will be isolated and parents contacted to arrange immediate pick up.

I hope that at this stage, this gives you an idea of how school will be organised. I will send out further information next week with further detail of staggered times and school organisation. If anyone needs to contact me to discuss arrangements for September, then I am available in school every day until we break up on Tuesday 21st July.

Regards,

Mark Whyman
Headteacher

