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Dear Parents/Carers

Hope our children and families are all keeping safe and well. It is great to be at the point where some of our children will be returning to school next week from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. To ensure our wider opening runs smoothly, I want to share with you the arrangements we have made to keep the safety of our children, staff and parents as our very top priority.

Along with this letter you will also have a link to the comprehensive Risk Assessment that we have completed detailing all the safety measures we have put in place before an increased number of children return to school. Everybody - staff, children and parents - have a key part to play in keeping the whole school community safe. The Risk Assessment has undergone the Walsall Council Health & Safety team's quality assurance and approval.

I know our parents will be anxious to know what will be happening next week. The staff have been working incredibly hard on a robust strategy for the wider opening. In line with the government guidance documents for schools, below are all the measures that we will be having in place next week.

- Children will not need to be in uniform but WILL need to wear clean clothes every day.
- Teachers and TAs will be in a 'Bubble' with their children and will remain, as much as possible, with the same group of children for the remainder of the term. 'Bubbles' across the different classes will not be able to meet or mix together.
- The children will be dropped off/collected at the main school gate by their parent. Only one parent will be allowed to bring their child/children to school to ease the congestion and minimise the spread of infection.
- Where a parent has multiple children in different year groups, ALL the children will be dropped off/collected at the same time to avoid parent/children waiting for prolonged times at the school gate.
- Start and end times will be staggered for different classes to limit congestion. Teachers will meet parents at the start and end times so parents/children will need to be on time please. Here are the staggered start/end times for the different year 'Bubbles': (please note Friday end time is different - see later)

Years 5/6 Bubbles	8:30am - 2:30pm
Reception Bubble	8:45am - 2:45pm
Years 1/2 Bubbles	9:00am - 3:00pm
Years 3/4 Bubbles	9:15am - 3:15pm



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- Children will need to bring a bottle of water as well as a healthy snack for break time, such as a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Toasts and juice will not be available for purchase.
- If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and not entitled to a free school meal, they will be allowed to bring a healthy packed lunch from home, otherwise, school lunch will be provided. Children will still have the option to pay for a school lunch. Money will need to be sent in an envelope, preferably for the whole week, with the child's name on the front and then handed to the teacher by the child.
- Staff will have the option to wear appropriate PPE to protect themselves and to protect any vulnerable groups in school so parents/carers are encouraged to send their child with a fitted face mask to wear throughout the day.
- Every adult and child will have temperature checks in school and they will wash their hands throughout the day. All visitors to the school will also follow these guidelines.
- Every child will have their own table/work station and will be spaced 2 meters apart. There will be a maximum of 10 children per class.
- Teachers and any extra adults will also have their table spaced 2 meters apart.
- Every child will have their own resources (including a packet of tissues) provided by the school and these will not be shared with any other child. Children should not bring resources, such as bags, pencil cases, etc., from home.
- Ensure children have layers of clothing to keep warm as windows will remain open throughout the day for ventilation.
- All soft furnishings and toys which are difficult to clean (including soft toys) will be removed from the classroom.
- Break times will be staggered so only two class 'Bubbles' will be outside at the same time.
- Children will have their own class games equipment for break and lunch times.
- Lunch times will also be staggered and children in Years 1 to 6 will have their lunch in their classrooms.
- Extra cleaning of toilets, doors, door handles, tables, etc. will be undertaken throughout the day.
- Deep cleaning will be undertaken once per week, on Friday afternoon. To allow for the deep clean, including the cleaning of teaching and learning resources, the school will finish after the children's lunch break on Fridays. Friday end-of-day collection times will be as follows:

<b>Reception Bubble</b>	<b>12:45pm</b>
<b>Years 1/2 Bubbles</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>Years 3/4 Bubbles</b>	<b>1:15pm</b>
<b>Years 5/6 Bubbles</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>

- Parents will need to call the office if, for any reason, their child is absent from school and to call urgently if they are presenting with Coronavirus symptoms. Coronavirus symptoms (as listed in the government guidance) are
  - \*A high temperature
  - \*A new, continuous cough
  - \*A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

- If a child presents with any of the coronavirus symptoms (listed above) while they are in school then a phone call will be made home urgently and a parent will be asked to come and collect the child immediately. The parents will be advised to get the child tested.
- ALL the children and staff in the infected child's 'Bubble' will also be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.
- If the child with symptoms tests negative then they will be able to return to school and all staff and children members of the 'Bubble' will end self-isolation and also return to school.
- If the child tests positive, they will continue to self-isolate and all staff and children members in the 'Bubble' will also continue to self-isolate for 14 days. If anyone else develop symptoms then they too will also need to be tested.

I am aware there are so many rules for us all to adhere to but we must follow these for everyone's protection.

I know how lucky we are to have such a wonderful school community - we always pull together as a united team, especially in difficult and challenging times. I am certain that with school and home working well together we can make sure all our children, staff and parents continue to remain safe and well.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions, worries or concerns. I will be happy to help in any way I can.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Patel  
Headteacher



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