

13th July 2020

Year Reception - Class RER – Mrs Evans/Mrs Robertson

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school. The safety of everyone involved is the most important factor in this next phase of reopening. Please read the following information carefully to ensure you are prepared for some of the protective measures we have put in place at school to minimise the risks to children, staff and their families.

Reception will be taught in a cohort bubble of 60 children. The teachers working in this bubble are Mrs Evans, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Robertson. The children will remain in their classes for most of the day but will be taught in groups for their phonics teaching. This is to control any infection.

Where possible social distancing will be adhered to and there will be enhanced hygiene routines for the children.

Your child will start school on Monday **7th September** The timings for the school day for **RER** will be **9:00am until 2.50pm.**

Drop off and pick up

- Please bring your child into school via the **Greenland Street Gate** and queue at the **Reception Gate**. You will notice lines on the ground prompting you to social distance. Please wait there at **9:00am** for further instructions from your child's teacher.
- Children must be escorted on site by **one adult**. It is important that they are dropped off and picked up promptly to avoid overcrowding at the school gates.
- **Late children will not be admitted to school until 9:20am. This is to ensure groups of children do not mix. You will need to wait outside with your child until a member of staff collects them.**
- At the end of the day (**2:50 pm for this group**), please enter school via the same entrance and wait to collect your child from the Reception Gate.

Uniform

- Children should wear school uniform, including appropriate black shoes.
- Where possible, children should wear clean uniform every day.

Other information

- School dinners will be offered as usual and follow the Citywide Menu.
- Children should not bring anything into school, apart from a suitable coat and P.E kit in a drawstring bag. No other bags will be allowed in school
- P.E kits will stay in school for the half term
- No bikes or scooters will be permitted on site.

- If you can walk or come in your own vehicle to school, please do, as this reduces chances of contracting the virus. If you have to use public transport, please ensure you follow the guidance set out by the operators designed to keep you and your child safe.

Showing symptoms of COVID-19

- Our main line of defence is NOT to admit children and staff who are unwell.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can be one or more of the following:

- **a persistant cough,**
- **high temperature,**
- **a loss or change of taste or smell,**

School will send home any child or adult presenting with any of these symptoms.

- You should not send your child to school if they are showing any one of the above symptoms. If anyone in the household is awaiting testing or awaiting a test result, then the child should not attend school. The person with symptoms should self-isolate for 7 days from the first day of symptoms and the rest of the household must isolate for 14 days.
- **Please inform school if your household is self-isolating due to COVID-19 symptoms.**
- If your child becomes unwell in school, they will be sent home and advised to isolate until the result of a COVID test if appropriate
- All staff and students who are attending school have access to a COVID test if they display symptoms of coronavirus. Household members can also be tested. Further guidance is available about getting tested on <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>. **Please notify school immediately if your child receives a positive test.**

Should there be a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the Reception cohort, all 60 children in the cohort will have to isolate for 14 days. Remote learning will be offered if this occurs.

Expectations of Behaviour

- Please familiarise yourself and your child with the updated behaviour guide for Covid 19 attached.
- We would be grateful if you could talk to your child and explain to them the importance of following the social distancing rules and procedures we have put in place in school. School will be different to how they remember it and it would be helpful if you could prepare them for some of the changes they will see.

School website

We have set up a COVID-19 page in the Parents and Carers section of our school website and we will continue to update this with relevant information as and when we have it.

I hope that you are reassured that we have taken all possible steps to keep our children safe. We look forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

Mrs R L Munro
Headteacher