

1st June 2020



Please read ALL information.

This letter is to update you on our plans in relation to the recent announcement from the Government that schools will be re-opening from 1st June for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children and in conjunction with the advice from the Local Authority.

I can confirm that we are opening from the 8th June for year 6 and the 9th June for Reception and Year 1. This is **ONLY** for those children who have responded to the survey and requested a place, either through the survey or through the Wharton closed email account. The survey is now closed and therefore if you have not responded to the survey you will need to contact the closed@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk account if you wish to discuss your child taking up a place.

We have considered how best we can ensure the safety of our children, including hygiene, best practice and working within 'bubbles'. A bubble will be a group of either, key worker children, or children in the same year group, remaining together at all times. Staff and children will be working within bubbles and these bubbles will exist in isolation within different areas of the school building. We cannot guarantee social distancing but we will promote it wherever possible for the children and staff.

The staff in bubbles are as follows:

Group	Key worker years 2 - 3	Key worker Year 4-5	Key worker sibling group	Reception	Year 1 Group 1	Year 1 Group 2	Year 6 Group 1	Year 6 Group 2
Staff	Mrs Moss Mr Davies	Mrs Brown Miss Manton	Miss Caldwell Mrs Jackson	Mrs Harrison Mrs Price Mrs Rodger	Mrs Wilson Mrs Lafferty	Miss Preston Mrs Naisbitt	Mrs Griffiths Mrs Cuff Mrs Hitchen	Mr Hughes Mr Sear
Location	Year 3	Year 4	Library	Year 1	Damson	Cherry	Year 6	Year 5

Children **may not** be in a classroom they are familiar with and **may not** be with their own class *teacher*.

If your child is distressed when you drop off in the morning then it may be the case that you have to take them home again to settle them. We are doing everything we can to ensure that children feel safe, happy and welcome on their return but for some it may take them a little time to adjust. We cannot be physically removing children from parents.

If your child chooses not to follow systems in place to keep everyone safe and is putting others at risk then you will be contacted and expected to collect your child. Managing the risks around the health, safety and wellbeing of all staff and children in school is my highest priority. Your child will receive a Home school agreement on their first day in school. Please sign and return this as soon as possible. Your child will also receive a form regarding days that they will be attending school. Please also return this as soon as possible.

Symptoms and falling ill in school

If a child or member of staff becomes unwell in school then they will be isolated immediately and under government guidance will then need to arrange to be tested. We will inform all those in that bubble and if the test is positive for COVID-19 then the entire bubble including staff will isolate for 14 days. Staff will not be taking temperatures as children arrive in school, it is your responsibility to check your child's temperature at home.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Those children entitled to a free school meal who have been receiving vouchers, will, from the 8th June have a packed lunch provided by the school kitchen. This can be collected from school in the same way as when 'Lockdown' first started. Please arrive at school between 11.30 and 12.15 and follow social distancing guidance at all times. No more vouchers will be issued.

I appreciate that this is a tricky time and respect the decisions you are making for your families and children based on your own circumstances. It is important that you are well informed as to the plans we are putting in place but I need you to be aware that plans may have to change in line with DFE and government guidance, and the support and guidance that we receive from the Local Authority.

If you have any queries or questions then please email the closed@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk account and we will do our best to answer them quickly. Please DO NOT phone the school office as this is still currently closed.

I do hope you are all well and remain safe.

Kind regards

Natalie Tomlinson

The following Appendix outlines key information that you can discuss with your child.

APPENDIX **Overview of key points for your information**

Key worker children **MUST** now arrive at 8am for breakfast **OR** 9am if breakfast is not required. Please support us with prompt arrivals. If you are a key worker and your child is in R/Y1/Y6 and you require breakfast club they will stay in the key worker group and **NOT** access their own year group.

In order to ensure that parents and children are aware of the systems in place, there WILL be a staggered start over the 8th and 9th of June. Year 6 will attend on the 8th at 8.45am. Reception will attend on the 9th at 8.45am and year 1 on the 9th at 9.00am. Key worker children continue to attend as they have been doing, on the days that they require at either 8am OR 9am

- School uniform will not be required
- **NO** breakfast club unless key worker child (see above).
- Each day, your child should come to school wearing fresh, clean clothing suitable for outdoor activities (Please provide sun cream/hats if the weather is hot)
- One way system for pick up and drop off. Parents must follow social distancing
- Designated toilets/handwashing stations (parents may send hand cream/mini hand sanitiser for children that must stay in school)
- A one way system in corridors.
- Staff will release one child at a time at the end of the day
- No hot meals – lunch will be provided if required, as a school sandwich/grab bag at a cost of £2.30 which is to be paid on line or sent into school in a sealed named envelope, or you can provide sandwiches from home.
- Children attending school entitled to a free school meal will receive one, and that includes all children attending in Reception, year 1 and those who are year 2 key worker children.
- Please send your child with a **named** water bottle, they will be allowed to fill this up throughout the day
- Staggered breaks and lunches for all 'bubble' groups
- Frequent cleaning of key areas/touch points throughout the day
- Extensive cleaning at the end of each day
- Class/group bubbles of no more than 15 – smaller where possible
- Individual resource packs for children to use (laptops/l pads and computers will not be in use)
- No book bags/pencil cases/items from home other than lunch bag/water bottle to be brought to school.
- Only key worker children can be collected before 3pm providing the time has been agreed at least the day before. *If you have made this arrangement please do not be late as staff will bring your child to the doors at the time you have stated, if you do not arrive they will go back to class. The office is not manned throughout the day and therefore you won't be able to collect your child/you may be waiting a while.*

Prompt staggered start and pick up times are as follows:

- *Reception and Year 6 to arrive between 8.45- 8.55am and to be collected at 2.50pm.*
- *Year 1 to arrive between 9 - 9.10am and to be collected at 3pm.*
- *Key workers arrive at either 8 am **OR** 9am and to be collected at 3pm.*
- *Year 6 to arrive at external doors of Y6 classrooms.*
- *Year 1 to arrive at the year 2 classroom door on the playground.*
- *Reception to arrive at the year 1 classroom doors on the playground*
- *Key workers continue to arrive at the doors near the hall at either 8am **OR** 9am.*
- *Children will be dismissed from the same doors that they enter the building.*

If a child is expected in school and does NOT arrive, the normal attendance policy procedures will apply. Gates will be locked at 9.15am Gates will be opened at 2.45pm

If a child arrives after their allocated arrival time slot they will be asked to wait with their accompanying adult (at a social distance) at the front of school until all other children are in school. A member of the office team can then escort them around the building.