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Dear Parents and Carers

We all want children to return to school but this needs to be in a safe and steady manner. Parents and carers, understandably, would like additional information before deciding on whether to allow their child to return to school. Hopefully, the information below will help you decide on the right course of action for you and your child.

We would like to emphasise that, even though our plans and risk assessment are based on what we consider to be the safest option, they are not foolproof and cannot guarantee 100% safety. Every family must independently come to a decision which they feel is right for them.

Here, we have written some questions you may have, and the answers to those questions. We hope this information will help you in making the decision, if your child is eligible for return to school.

Which children will be returning and when?

- Children will return in a staggered way - places will **only be offered to eligible children at first.**
- **The first children will return on Monday 8th June - this will only be eligible children.**
- Eligible children's families have been contacted about returning to school and informed of their start date.
- **IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TOLD YOUR CHILD CAN COME BACK TO SCHOOL, THEY CANNOT YET RETURN.**

Does my child have to attend?

- No. Every family's situation is different and therefore you need to make an informed choice that is right for you and your child.

Will I be fined?

- No. It is not a legal requirement at the moment for children to attend school. You will not be fined.

If they stay at home, how will you support their education?

- We are continuing to put home learning on the website weekly.
- Teachers will still be making weekly wellbeing phone calls to families.



Can I change my mind later?

- If you commit to your child attending school, they should do so regularly. It is not helpful for their education or wellbeing to keep swapping.
- If you choose for your child not to come into school to start off with and then change your mind later, you will need to contact us.
- As places are limited, but we want to offer this to as many children as possible, we may, after an initial period, begin to offer places to children outside the eligible group.
- Please be aware your child may not be able to start straight away as we need to make sure that the new bubble has enough children for your child to socialise with.

What time does my child need to be at school?

- ❖ Once you have confirmed you want your child to attend, you will be sent details of start and end times.
- ❖ No parents will be permitted to enter the school building
- ❖ When dropping off your child, only 1 adult with a child and please make sure you line up on the markings which are 2m apart.
- ❖ Once you have dropped your child at school, please do not wait to speak to other parents as we will have other groups coming to line up.
- Start and end times will also change, as we need to stagger these to avoid too many people being clustered together at the start and end of each day - once your place is confirmed, we will let you know your child's start and end times.
- ❖ **DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD IF THEY ARE SHOWING SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS:**
 - continuous cough;
 - fever/high temperature (37.8C or greater)
 - loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia)
- ❖ **IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS, YOUR CHILD MUST NOT ATTEND SCHOOL**
- ❖ **YOU MUST FOLLOW GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE FOR SELF-ISOLATING**

Does my child have to wear uniform?

- No. But children must wear clean clothes each day.
- Children must be in appropriate clothing and be wearing trainers or equivalent. No flip flops.

What about other items?

- Children in years 1-6 MUST bring an individual reusable water bottle with them each day - this must be labelled.
- No bags, book bags, pencil cases, reading books or other items can be brought in or go home with children.

How many will be in a class?

- Returning children will be placed into groups of between 10 - 15. They will use the same room, with the same children and same allocated adult each day – this is their 'bubble'.

Will they be in their normal room and with their class teacher?

- Children may not be in their usual room or be with their usual class teacher.

What about social distancing?

- As the Government states, young children cannot be expected to socially distance.

- We have put a range of safety measures in place:
 - Each classroom (years 1-6) has 10 -15 tables separated as far as possible and child will be allocated a table to themselves.
 - Each child (years 1-6) will have their own resource and stationery pack
 - Nursery and Reception will follow Government guidelines on how resources can be used safely, children may have their own resources and will be using the outdoor space a great deal
 - In the playground, children will be allocated a large enough space for their bubble to play in. This will be a shared space for every child in the bubble
 - In the playground, children will be encouraged to physically distance from each other.

What will the curriculum be?

- The curriculum in school will follow similar planning as that being issued to be completed at home.

How will you look after my child's mental health?

- Bubble teachers will help children adjust to being back at school - if you have any specific queries regarding this aspect, please phone the school and ask to speak with Ms Warren.

What happens for lunch?

- Lunch will be a packed lunch provided by the school
- No packed lunches from home can be brought into school.

What about toilets?

- Every bubble will be allocated its own toilet block to use.
- These will be cleaned frequently throughout the day and deeply cleaned before school starts each day.

What is happening about cleaning?

- An enhanced hygiene plan has been put into place for this time.
- High contact areas (such as door handles) will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- Classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned before school begins each day and cleaned at least twice throughout the day.
- In nursery and reception, only resources that can be disinfected will be used and this will be done on a frequent basis.
- Resources will not be shared across bubbles unless they have been disinfected.

How are you promoting good hygiene?

- Everyone entering the site must wash or sanitise their hand for 20 seconds.
- We will be reinforcing this with children as they return.
- Hands must be washed/sanitised frequently throughout the day including before and after using the toilet, before eating and when returning from the playground.
- Every bubble has access to a cleaning kit, tissues and a lidded bin for these items to be placed in.
- We will also reinforce the importance of using tissues if sneezing – “catch it, bin it, kill it”.
- Rooms will be well ventilated, so windows and doors will be left open wherever possible.

What if my child needs first aid?

- A qualified first aider will be on duty in the playground.
- If your child has a temperature, we will contact you to collect them immediately (see below).

- If it is an injury you would have usually received a letter for, we will now be calling you during or after school.

What if someone shows COVID symptoms during the day?

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 - If someone feels unwell during the day with any of the symptoms of COVID they will be taken to a first aid isolation room and a member of staff (wearing PPE) will stay with them. We will then contact the named family member to come and collect them immediately (or an ambulance in a more severe situation).
 - Their temperature will be taken.
 - Guidance will be given on isolating and how to access testing.

What if I need to speak to the school? Can I come into the front office?

- No. For this period if you need to speak to someone you need to call or email us.
 - Tel: 0208 4723864
 - Email: info@williamdavies.newham.sch.uk
- No parents or visitors will be allowed on site except in the case of an emergency.
- Please make sure we have your up to date contact details.

How shall I prepare my child for returning to school?

- We have a short information film on the website. <https://williamdavies.newham.sch.uk/>
- We will share photos on the website of what the school will look like and of their teachers - please talk to your child about what they can expect before their return.

What happens now?

- You will be called by the school if your child is eligible to return to school
- We will then ask you to confirm if your child will be returning or not
- If you choose for them not to return, you will continue to be able to access online learning and support.

Unless you have been called and informed that your child can attend, then they cannot attend and must continue to access home learning.

As I'm sure you will appreciate, we are currently dealing with a complex and rapidly changing situation. My priority will always be the health and safety of the pupils and staff in our school. Now more than ever, this remains our primary focus.

Kind Regards



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