

Dear Parents & Carers,

It will be lovely to welcome back your child on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Our plans mean we are taking every possible step to follow Government guidelines whilst ensuring we are acting with the safety of our pupils and staff at the heart of every decision we make.

This letter will detail specifics for the planned re-opening to **Foundation2** pupils.

**School Routines when your child returns:**

**Class ‘Bubbles’**

- Children will be in small groups or a ‘bubble’.
- Children may **not** be with all of their friends
- Teaching ‘bubbles’ will not be allowed to mix and will be kept separate throughout the day
- Teaching ‘bubbles’ will always be taught by the same adults, wherever possible. There will be 2 adults in each ‘bubble’
- Children will **wash their hands** before they enter school.
- We will talk to the children about social distancing and endeavour that activities we plan for support this thinking. However – **we are a school. Your children are children and we make no guarantees about them being 2m apart at all times in their ‘bubble’**
- Each ‘bubble’ will have their own toilet.



**What will school look like?**

- Children will **enter school in a systematic way with 2m distancing clear** will also be clearly directed.
- The school environment is set up with a **one-way system**. Children will only move about the school in this direction with their ‘bubble’
- Classrooms are arranged with clear surfaces and soft furnishings / toys removed
- Cleaning will take place throughout the day.



**How do I enter school?**

- **F2 children MUST enter through the gate onto the Key Stage Two playground (entrance nearest the zebra crossing). Movement around the outside of school is a one-way system with the exit gate being by Nursery.**
- **Children will need to wear UNIFORM.**
- We advise you wash your child’s uniform every night.
- We advise children **bring a water bottle.** If they do not – they will be given a plastic disposable cup.



Entrance



Exit

**Dinners:**

- You can choose to send your child in with a packed lunch or order (as usual) a grab bag via ParentPay. Your child will eat with their bubble. Play with their bubble at lunchtime / breaktime.
- Children will eat in their classroom with their 'bubble'.

- **School will be open Monday-Thursday with Friday being closed to F2 children to allow teachers to plan and to give cleaning staff adequate time to deep clean the school. The school day will run with reduced hours** to allow us to stagger drop-offs, pick-ups, breaktimes and lunchtimes and to allow for additional cleaning.
- The expectation is that if you send your child to school, they will attend Monday – Thursday.

Bubble A – Miss Rose 9.00 to 2.20

Bubble B – Miss Rankin 9.15 to 2.35

- There will be NO breakfast club provision.
- Only one parent will be able to drop off or pick up their child, and parents will not be able to enter the school building unless in an emergency.
- Parents and children must observe social distancing when coming to and from school
- At the end of the day, each 'bubble' will be dismissed and children must go home immediately

- **Children will wash their hands** often throughout the day.
- We will teach and go over certain hygiene routines
- We will have a **daily PSHE session** to support every child's emotional wellbeing
- We will be outdoors as much as possible
- We will encourage children to be doing as **much physical exercise** as we can.
- Only trainers will be required for PE.

- Teachers will NOT be able to respond to emails in the way they have been doing – the office will be in contact weekly with parents of children not attending school.

- There will be signage around our school to remind everyone of staying alert to coronavirus spread prevention
- Windows / external doors are open to increase ventilation. Send your child with a jumper. It can get cold!



Miss Rankin has made a video which you can access from the website under Children - 'Gallery' <https://www.riseparkprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/>. This will help you see what a school day will look like with these protective measures in place.

School after Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June will be a different experience from when we broke up on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The children's safety and well-being are our top priority, and all of our decisions about how we re-open are based on the welfare and safety of the children and staff.

If you have further questions, please do get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kelly (Headteacher)

### **QUESTIONS YOU MAY ASK:**

#### **Q) What if my child is sick? Do I keep them off school?**

Yes – as you usually would. Call school if you are unsure. If you feel your child has any symptoms of coronavirus – follow this advice:

Staff and pupils who report the following symptoms remain at home for 7 days. Their household members must remain at home for 14 days:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

**All staff and pupils who are attending a school will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, they are encouraged to get tested in this scenario <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>**

Where the pupil or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the pupil tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting are sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

#### **Q) What if my child or someone else in their bubble shows coronavirus symptoms?**

We have a designated "sick bay" in school. They will be taken there and you will be asked to collect them and contact NHS / self-isolate. Tests will be available to you.

Our school is also well stocked in PPE for staff. If your child has suspected coronavirus symptoms – a staff member will wear PPE whilst they administer care.

#### **Q) Does my child need their PE kit in school? Will they be getting changed for PE?**

No. Your child will not need PE kit – just trainers.

#### **Q) What if my child does not follow instructions e.g. following one way system / not washing their hands when asked to?**

I hope this will not happen. However, if a child is not following instructions, you will be asked to collect them and consequences will apply as usual.

