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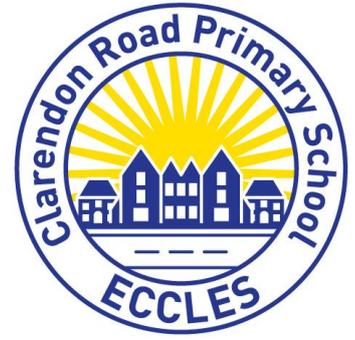
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Re: Potential phased return to school

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all well and are staying safe at this time. Thank you again for taking the time to complete our survey last week. It has helped us begin our planning in school.

As you will all be well aware by now, the government are currently proposing that schools begin a phased return on June 1st if their five tests are met. We will not know for definite that those tests have been met until closer to that date so we are preparing as much as we can in the background to keep our school community safe if we do open to more pupils.

We fully appreciate how worrying the whole situation is and that you may have concerns about sending your child back to school. We have always considered our school to be a safe place for our pupils and know they feel safe while they are on our premises. We want this to continue to be the case.

With that in mind, we are doing our very best at all times during this pandemic to keep your child safe and to make them feel safe, both at home and in school. We are very aware that we will not be welcoming them back to school as they knew it, but it will be a welcoming, safe place with the same values underpinning everything we do.

We are in the process of completing our risk assessment to determine which year groups we can invite to return based on our school context, staffing and the government guidance.

Key worker and vulnerable pupils will always have priority.

For those year groups who are invited back as part of the phased return, it will be the parents/carers' choice whether the child comes back and no fines will be issued for non-attendance.

We appreciate that this letter contains a lot of information, but we hope you will take the time to read it all as the main aim is to inform you about the protective measures we are putting in place in school to keep everyone safe. This will hopefully help inform your decisions as parents.

Pupils/adults with medical conditions

Pupils who are currently 'shielding' or who are living with someone who is 'shielding': do NOT attend school.

Pupils who are clinically vulnerable: parents should seek medical advice to see if their child can attend.

Pupils who live with someone who is clinically vulnerable: can attend school.

Protective measures

HYGIENE/CLEANING PROTOCOLS

We will:

- Limit foot traffic on the school premises to pupils, staff and suppliers
- Have hand-sanitising/hand-washing stations at arrival and departure points for the building.
- Implement regular hand-washing/sanitising routines with pupils.
- Teach pupils the value of good hygiene on a daily basis.
- Implement a catch, kill, bin approach to hygiene.
- Have regular cleaning throughout the day of key surfaces within learning spaces as well as an end of day clean (following government guidance).
- Have weekly deep cleans of learning spaces.

ORGANISATION PROTOCOLS

We will:

- Stagger drop off and pick up times at designated school gates with key adults
- Enforce social distancing at drop off and pick up time with parents and pupils
- Request only one parent (who is symptom free) drops off or picks up pupils
- Keep pupils in small groups/'bubbles' (max 10 – 15)
- Keep pupils with designated adults so they are within a 'bubble'*
- Use a one way system for the flow of people through school
- Use a toilet protocol and staggered toilet access for pupils
- Designate toilet access to each 'bubble'
- Have a one way system in the lunch hall
- Mark out seating in the lunch hall
- Wipe all tables and seats in the lunch hall between groups
- Contain the belongings of each 'bubble' within their learning space
- Limit the transfer of items between school and home e.g. no PE kits/reading books
- Stagger break times and lunch times*
- Give 'Bubbles' playtime equipment specific to their bubble
- Clean play equipment daily

*We cannot guarantee that pupils will be with their class teacher or in their own classroom. Keyworker pupils will be within age appropriate key worker groups.

**From our experience of keyworker groups to date, the hardest time to enforce social distancing is on the playground during breaks. We feel it is important for our pupils' mental and emotional wellbeing, particularly at this time, to interact with their peers, have fun and release some of the energies and tensions that they are feeling. We will not be enforcing social distancing on the playground but will actively encourage it and will ensure pupils remain within their 'bubbles' at all times through a staggered approach.

EYFS

We will:

- Give each pupil a learning resource pack and their own designated 'playspace'
- Give pupils personalised learning resources and essential basic provision within their 'playspace'
- Give pupils a menu of learning enhancements to choose from across the week
- Give children socialisation opportunities within a socially distant setting
- Make equipment either specific to a child or clean it between users
- Give 'bubbles' one day a week in the outdoor learning environment with deep cleans at the end of each day
- Clean any shared resources on a daily basis

***Although we cannot guarantee that children at this age will fully adhere to social distancing guidelines, we will do our very best to give them opportunities to continue to learn through play in a safe, socially distanced environment. Pupils will be taught about safe distancing, hygiene and looking after each other by staying apart.

KS1/2

We will:

- Provide individual pupil resource packs
- Create a socially distanced classroom setting
- Deliver a reduced curriculum to consolidate pupils' learning and prepare them for the next academic year – this will include daily exercise, PSHE, reading, maths and topic-based learning to incorporate written work, art, science, music, DT.
- Provide some transition preparation for Y6 pupils.

Covid-19 Symptoms

We will implement guidance on Covid-19 symptoms:

1. **Anyone** who is displaying **ANY** of the following must **NOT** attend school, self-isolate for 7 days and **MUST** inform school immediately:
 - A. A new, persistent cough
 - B. A temperature of 37.8 or above
 - C. Loss of taste or smell
2. If any pupils or staff display symptoms while on site, they will be isolated in a designated place until they can be collected or leave the building safely
3. Refer staff/pupils displaying symptoms for testing
4. Inform parents if there are any symptomatic pupils/staff on site and the actions needed for that 'bubble'/the whole school community
5. Inform parents if there are any positive cases in the school community and the actions needed for that 'bubble'/the whole school community

Our Next Steps

1. We will be in touch with any additional families who we believe are entitled to key worker/vulnerable pupil places on Tuesday 19th/Wednesday 20th May.
2. We will complete a Q&A to address the other questions raised in the survey from last week.
3. We will be in touch on Thursday 21st May with provisional plans re: school day timings, which pupils we can accommodate in school, wrap around care provision, Free School Meal entitlement etc.

Your Next Steps

PLEASE complete our short survey again – this will give us more definite numbers to plan with now that we have provided detail on protective measures in school. We want to thank you in advance for doing this quickly to help us finalise and communicate our plans promptly by the end of the week.

The survey will only be available on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th May.

Stay Safe,



Mrs R Gallagher
Headteacher