



## Chase Lane Primary School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write today to start to give some more detail about opening in June and with a request.

The government are requiring schools to open for all Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children from the 1<sup>st</sup> June. It is our priority to continue to support children who are vulnerable, those with an EHCP or those of key workers as we have throughout the lockdown. In order for us to plan effectively for reopening, it is essential that we know how many children to expect.

**Please call us by 3:30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May to inform us if your child will be attending.**

**We will let you know your allocated sessions as soon as possible.**

I understand that many families will have very genuine concerns about sending their children back and some may have no choice due to work commitments. Either way please be reassured that we will continue to maintain the highest of cleaning standards and best practice in terms of hygiene. No visitors will be allowed in the school building or past the reception area unless essential. All children and staff will continue with rigorous handwashing procedures. There will be hand sanitisers at the entrance points to the building that will also be used. In some areas there will be one way systems in place.

The government continue to rate the school environment as a low risk place to be and thus advise that the wearing of PPE is not necessary unless administering first aid.

Chase Lane is going to run a part-time provision. This means that the children will be invited to attend either a morning or an afternoon session of approximately 2 ½ hours. This enables us to create what we refer to as 'a bubble'. The 'bubble' enables us to ensure that children and adults from different 'bubbles' do not mix. This means that a group of children will be allocated a teacher who they will work with for the remainder of the summer term. It cannot be the child's class teacher as we would only be able to do this for half a class and that would be terribly unfair. Further details of the exact timings will be confirmed but they will be approximately 9:00am – 11:30am and 1:00pm - 3:30pm. These times allow us the time to sanitise the classes before school, in the middle of the day and after school.

Children will be allocated a time slot so that we can do our best to invite children in at the same time as their friendship groups. Each day the provision will include well-being activities, literacy and maths as the children have been missing this teaching for a very long time. Please be aware that we will do outside activities with the children in a controlled fashion but we will not have break time as it is impossible to maintain social distancing in the playground. Of course children



will be allowed to use the toilets as and when needed and reminded continuously about the importance of good hygiene.

Nursery provision will be provided by Nursery staff in both the morning and the afternoon. This is for the well-being of the youngest children having familiar faces to come back to. There will not be a 30-hour provision.

It is very important for parents of Nursery and Reception age children to understand that the Department for Education acknowledge that primary age children are unlikely to social distance effectively. This means that for children in the foundation stage, we have to accept that they will not social distance at all times. However, please be aware that we will limit the equipment that children use so that we can sanitise it between each session. In addition, we will also zone off outside areas so that children from different 'bubbles' do not mix. Within the learning environment we will be removing large furniture to create more space in each classroom and limiting the number of resources available and activities will become more structured in their nature.

In Years 1 and 6, we can achieve social distancing by arranging furniture carefully. Children in Years 1 and 6 will all have individual learning packs similar to those that we sent out at the start of lockdown. This means that they will be responsible for their own resources and reduces the risk of cross contamination.

Online learning will continue for all children as there will still be many children at home in lockdown. I encourage you all to complete what is reasonably possible.

I am aware that parents will still have many questions. At this stage we are continuing to work throughout this week on the detailed logistics and most importantly the health and safety of children and staff. In addition, we will be preparing the group lists but in order to do this effectively we do need to know if you are intending to send your child to school.

Kind regards and best of health



Mr Jeffery  
Headteacher

