WOOTTON PARK

'Ipsum quod faciendum est diutius'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reopening Phase: from 1 June 2020

I write to you to set out the arrangements we have made to open our school to EYFS, Year 1, children of key workers and vulnerable children from 1 June.

Before I set out these arrangements, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their understanding and cooperation since we had to close to the majority of children. I know that this period has been challenging for many families.

Allocation of 'Bubble' groups

As previously communicated, we will be following government guidance that acknowledges that unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. Therefore children will be placed in teaching bubbles (up to 15 learners and their staff) to reduce mixing.

Your Child's Bubble Group	**PURPLE**
Drop Off Time	9am. Please ensure you arrive on time.
Collection Time	3.30pm. Please ensure you collect on time.
PE Day (Please arrive in WPS PE Kit)	Tuesday
Lunch Arrangements:	Please book your child's packed lunch via Aspens in the normal way. If your child is bringing their own packed lunch, please use a wipe clean plastic tub lunch box. Learners are able to bring their own water bottle.
Uniform	We expect learners to wear school uniform from 1st June. Government guidelines include that uniform should be washed after each day at school. We understand that this may be difficult for some families or that children may have had a recent growth spurt. Please contact us directly if this is the case.
Suncream	To minimise contact, we ask parents and carers to apply suncream, when needed, in the morning.

Protective measures we are taking in light of coronavirus (COVID-19)

First and foremost, it goes without saying that the safety of your child and of our staff is our top priority. We have been working hard, following the latest government guidance, to develop and implement a number of new ways of operating. This will allow us to open as safely as possible, focusing on measures that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our setting.

Some of the steps we are taking in readiness for reopening include:

- Asking that anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, not to attend the setting. That includes children and staff who work here.
- Keeping our children in small groups (bubbles) with as much consistent staffing as possible, and minimising contact with other groups around the setting.
- Cleaning our hands more often than usual. We have developed routines to ensure children understand when and how to wash their hands, making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.

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- Ensuring our children understand good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and ensuring a good supply of tissues and bins throughout the setting.
- Implementing an enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including table tops, door handles and play equipment.
- Asking parents and carers to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children and to limit drop off and collection to one parent or carer per household. This is to reduce the number of people on the school site in the interest of infection control. Parents should drop their child at the school gate at their allocated time. Latecomers will not be able to enter the school outside of this time. Gathering at the school gates to talk to other parents is no longer allowed.
- Asking parents and carers to be aware of government recommendations on transport to and from school, which means reducing any unnecessary travel on coaches, buses or public transport where possible and avoiding peak times.
- We ask children not to bring toys or other items from home.

Testing
All children attending school and members of their household, will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and they are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. The aim is to enable children to get back to school, and their parents or carers not to need to self-isolate any longer than is necessary, if the test proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect other children and staff in their setting. We ask all parents and carers to ensure they organise a test for their child, in the event that they develop coronavirus symptoms, and notify us immediately of a positive test. Further guidance is available about getting tested.

Changes to Behaviour Policy
As recommended by the government we have reviewed our Behaviour Policy in light of the need for children to behave differently when they return. Please find attached an addendum to our Behaviour Policy (Appendix A). We understand that some children may need additional reassurance due to routines, different groups and expectations.

Wrap around care provision.
Unfortunately we are unable to run Acorns, our wrap around care provision, at this time.

What can parents and carers do to help?
There are a number of things parents and carers can do to help us make these arrangements effective, in addition to the points listed in this letter. A new Home School Agreement (Appendix B) is attached**.** We ask parents and carers to read please. By sending your child to school from 1 June 2020, you are agreeing to these expectations.

Communication
In following government guidance, parents and carers must only come to school when strictly necessary, by appointment, and ideally only one parent/carer. Any such meetings will take place at a safe distance. Please do continue to communicate with us, by email or phone, if you have any concerns once your child joins us so that we can provide additional support.

We are looking forward to welcoming our learners back and I hope that you are assured that we have taken all possible steps to ensure safety for all in our setting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards
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