

Tuesday 19 May 2020,

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6 children,

The Sir Alexander Fleming team have all been working hard on a robust plan to ensure the best possible safety around reopening school. School will reopen on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

We will follow a timetabled system where children will be split into Week A or Week B. All children will need to stay for an entire day during their allocated week.

This enables us to keep our numbers below the maximum as outlined by government. It also allows for the children to access a classroom environment they are familiar with and work with adults they know.

This week, you will receive an email / phone call from your child’s teacher who will tell you which week your child starts school.

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|  | **Week A – 2.6.20** | **Week B – 8.6.20** |
| **Year 6** | **Claire Killick****Dion Graham****Damian Stevens****Isobel Brown** | **Nina Walters****Karen Hall****Lesley Meadows****Karen Sermon** |

The children will be in a ‘bubble’, with a set of adults and this will not change for the week your child is in. No other adult within school will be able to access the bubble ensuring that the children and adults within the room are protected from any cross-contamination. We will positively encourage children to social distance but as already mentioned to you in a previous letter, it is an impossible task.

Year 6 start time will be **10am**.

Year 6 finish time will be **2.45pm**

Please do not arrive early or late. Children who already have permission slips in school may continue to walk to/from school as normal. If Year 6 children are being brought to school by a parent, that only one adult does so. You will need to drop your child at the main entrance at the front of the school, and the children can access school through the front door. Parents are to stand by the green gate and not enter the premises. It is essential that you remain 2 metres away from any other families and staff. You will not be allowed to enter the school building.

If you wish to collect your child at home time, please do so from their normal classroom door.

In order, for our school to be deep cleaned prior to a new group of children, school will close at **12.15pm** on a Friday for Year 6 children. They will bring their packed lunch home.

All children that attend our Year 6, in Week A or Week B will need to bring a water bottle for use throughout the day. They will also need to bring a packed lunch if they do not want a packed lunch from our school kitchen. If children are eligible for FSM, a lunch will be provided. The children will eat their packed lunch within their classroom and will have access to the backfield throughout the day.

For children who do not attend Year 6, there will be ‘Home Learning’ activities uploaded onto the school website. Week A children will have Home learning activities for the week they are not in school and the same for Week B children.

Children will be expected to wear full school uniform to school and this should be washed everyday as soon as your child returns home from school. Children should return to school with clean uniform every day.

If your child has long hair, it needs to be tied back and children are not to wear any jewellery. We will insist that all jewellery is removed. Children need to return to school adhering to school policy regarding hair colours and styles – no bright colours or hair patterns.

If a pupil within your child’s bubble shows symptoms of a ‘new’ persistent cough or high temperature (we have thermometers in school), then that child will be isolated in a room and the parent will be contacted immediately.

The parent should then phone 111 and request a COVID-19 test for that child. If the test result comes back positive the child stays off school, however if negative, the child can return the next day.

All children and adults within this bubble will be sent home as a precaution for 14 days and can return when results return or after the 14 day period.

I have attached a list of the safety measures that we are taking alongside our plan.

If you have decided that you do not wish your child to return to school on Tuesday 2nd June or Monday 8th June, but then change your mind, please contact school and we can allocate you a week / day to start. Please do not just turn up to school without consulting us first.

With my kindest regards,

Mrs Tomlinson

Headteacher

The Sir Alexander Fleming team have all been working hard on a robust plan to ensure the best possible safety around reopening school. Please find below some of the measures we are putting in place:

* Very regular handwashing throughout the day (please ensure they do this just before leaving for school and as soon as they arrive home). We do not require that children wear masks or gloves – this is in line with government guidance – Coronavirus: implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings
* Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended and would be very scary for our youngest children.
* We have a constant supply of soap and disposable towels as well as sterilising fluid for regular toy/resource cleaning.
* All rooms will have been fitted with hand sanitisers accessed on entry or exit to the classroom.
* Staggered start and end of day times to ensure we do not have large numbers of children on site at any one time (please do not arrive early or late as we need to be strict with times).
* As few parents on site as possible with staff to ensure swift drop off and pick up.
* Entry and exit points staffed to ensure sensible queueing and no congregations of people.
* Staggered and zoned playground areas for outdoor learning to ensure lots of outdoor space.
* Children will be required to eat a packed lunch in their classrooms
* Reduced lunchtime
* Increased times outdoors when learning wherever possible.
* Maximum class sizes of 15 with the same staff (where possible).
* Spaced out classrooms with high risk items that are difficult to clean removed.
* Increased ventilation in classrooms.
* Identified pathways through school to minimise contact.
* Increased toilet cleaning and regular classroom cleaning with antiviral disinfectant, known to kill coronavirus throughout the day.
* Where it is age appropriate, children allocated stationary to use as their own, rather than sharing.
* Children to bring in own water bottle and take home for careful washing each day.
* Limited items brought in from home to reduce risk: packed lunch, medication, water bottle. Please do not send in any other items, including wonderful work completed so far over lockdown – this can be photographed and uploaded to the school blog.
* Any messages for the school team will need to be communicated through the office via the telephone or email please to avoid having parents on site unnecessarily.
* Amendments have been made to the Behaviour Policy – this will be on our school website.