



Harwell Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your loved ones continue to stay safe and well.

Yesterday, the government completed their statutory three-week review of lockdown and confirmed that primary schools are to reopen for children in Foundation, Years 1 and 6 in addition to remaining open for children of key workers and vulnerable children. As you know, from the information shared with you, we have been busily planning for this eventuality.

We have already shared with you the school's risk assessment for this wider reopening and details of how the school day will work. We have worked hard to reduce the risk but as you will understand, it is impossible to eradicate the risk completely.

Included in this letter are further details for the days.

As I said last week, we are very much looking forward to the children returning, but this must be done in a carefully planned manner and will involve some significant changes. We hope that we have covered everything you need to know but if you have any questions, please contact Jane Moreton via the office email.

I am now writing to you as your child has been allocated a place in the key worker 'bubble' of pupils and staff. The staff members working in the classrooms during the week are:

Ms Miller, Miss Paton, Mrs Adams, Mrs Blunt, Mrs Martin, Mrs Buck, Mrs Morris and Miss Coultas.

Start and end of day timings and routine

To avoid the same times as the year group bubbles please drop off your child between 8.50 and 9.00. Pick up at 3:15pm BUT as now, if you have finished work and can collect your child by 2.15 please do so and go to the school office.

It is really important that you follow these instructions:

- **The gate in The Styles will initially be the only way into the school.**
- **Do not congregate in groups around the school gate.**
- **Please only wait at the site at your allocated time.**

- **Wait on the left hand side (closest to the playground) and observe social distancing.**
- **There is a one way system for entering and exiting the school site. Enter via the pedestrian gate on the left hand side - your child will then go into the playground and be met by school staff - you must then exit the school site via the other pedestrian gate near the cycle/scooter park / waste and recycling collection.**
- **Year 6 children should enter the site on their own wherever possible and safe to do so.**

Lunches

Our school lunches are provided by OCC Catering services.

Earlier this week, they decided that for the foreseeable future there will be no cooked food provided and school lunch provision will be packed lunches only.

This is not a decision made by the school and is one we are not happy with; we have tried very hard to persuade them to allow the kitchen staff at the school to provide cooked lunches (as they have done thus far during the lockdown period).

These packed lunches will be provided under the Free School Meal scheme and the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme for Foundation and Year 1 children. They will be charged at the standard rate of £2.30 per meal for Year 6.

Alternatively, please send your child into school with their own packed lunch.

Personal items

Children should (if possible) wear school uniform each day (changed daily) and they can **only** bring with them:

Packed lunch bag

Coat

Sunhat

Change of clothes for Foundation children

No book bags, stationery, resources or toys from home

Sun cream

Please ensure that this has been applied before your child comes to school. We will have a supply for a top-up at lunchtime if strictly necessary, that your child can apply.

Parent packs

Parent Packs for each class will continue to be added to the website on a weekly basis and on the days in which your child is not in school please follow these for home learning

Prescription medicine

If your child has to take any prescription medicine during the days they are in school, please go to the school reception at lunchtime and your child will be brought to you. You will be asked to wait outside until your child has been brought to the reception area. If it is not possible to come to the school as you are working, please contact the school office.

Children displaying coronavirus symptoms

If your child displays symptoms of a new and persistent cough or a fever, you will be contacted to collect your child. They will be supervised in a separate room until you are able to do so. You must then arrange for them to be tested and contact Jane Moreton via the school office with the result.

If negative, they will be allowed to return to school after a 7 day period. If positive, the rest of your household will have to isolate for 14 days, as will the other children and staff within the 'bubble'.

Morning break and lunchtime

Each bubble of children will have a designated area of the school site for them to play in and a resource box used only by them. The bubbles will not be mixed whilst on the school site.

While this is an unsettling time and we appreciate that both you and your child may feel nervous about coming back to school, we look forward to warmly welcoming the children back to school on Monday.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Warm regards and stay safe.

Bryn Gibson

Headteacher