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Update on reopening of School

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are safe and well. I am writing to you to update you on the wider reopening of our school.

Today, we have been delighted to be able to welcome back our Year 6's for their final few weeks of primary school. They have been missed and it has been such a pleasure to see them again today. On Monday 29th June, we will be welcoming back our Year 1 children.

In addition, school is continuing to offer full-time places for children of key workers and those identified as 'vulnerable'.

It is our hope that we may also be in a position to reopen to children in Reception from Monday 6th July. Staff will shortly be in touch with Reception parents to discuss this. All decisions regarding reopening are made in line with the clear guidance and advice from Liverpool City Council and the DfE. School has completed rigorous and detailed risk assessments and we have very clear plans. We are confident that we have put in place all necessary measures. However, it is obviously impossible to eliminate all risks.

In line with risk assessments, our school has a strictly limited number of places (128) due to social distancing and other safety requirements. *This sadly means that it is highly unlikely that any other year groups will be reopened before the end of term after Reception on 6th July.*

Our Safety measures include:

- Children are kept in small bubbles of a maximum of 14
- Bubbles are kept apart at all times- staggered playtimes and lunches
- Children have a personal wallet of equipment, laptop/tablet and books
- Frequent hand washing
- Social distancing markers in all appropriate areas
- A one-way system is in place in the building

- Cleaners are on site throughout the school day- constantly cleaning all frequently used surfaces and cleaning classrooms during lunchtime, followed by a thorough clean of the whole building at the end of the school day

In addition, our parents must ensure that children:

- Arrive in line at 5 to 9- It is incredibly important that children are not late due to the one way system in operation as they may come into contact with other 'bubbles' if they have to enter the 'wrong' door.
- Wear a clean uniform each day to ensure the highest possible standards of hygiene.
- Bring their own water bottle.

In school, children have English and Maths lessons in the morning, followed by creative and fun topics and activities, with additional time outdoors.

The decision of whether to send a child back to school is a deeply personal one. I can confirm that both the Government and Council have stated that no parent will be penalised for non-attendance. Parents know their child's and family circumstances best. School will not be putting any pressure on parents

For those children not in school, we continue to recommend the excellent daily lessons on BBC Bitesize and The Oak National Academy, together with our home learning packs and online resources (TT Rockstars, MyMaths).

For those children eligible for free school meals, you will hopefully have seen the good news that the Government have now confirmed that the shopping voucher scheme will continue throughout the summer holidays!

If any parent has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With Warmest Regards

Mr David Potter

Head Teacher