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Dear Year F Parents and Carers,

Following my letter of yesterday, you will be aware that Year F children are invited to return to our school from **Thursday 4th June 2020** – assuming that this is confirmed by the Government. The purpose of this letter is to provide further details regarding the specific arrangements for your Year F child's return.

Firstly, please let me reassure you that we are putting a curriculum in place to aid the children's transition back to school. While I know that many of you have posted pictures of wonderful activities on Tapestry, please don't worry about what learning you have – or have not – done at home. Our initial priority will be to support the emotional wellbeing of the children following a hugely disruptive episode in their (and our) lives. In addition, we will be working to ensure that they are as ready as they can be to progress into Year 1 in September.

For Year F to be able to return to school, we will be implementing the guidance provided by the Government that reduces the risk of the spread of coronavirus and ensures the safety of both children and adults as far as is possible. The outline of the measures we are taking are listed in the letter sent yesterday, dated 20th May 2020.

Further details for Year F parents are as follows:

- To enable us to implement staggered start times, the Year F school day will begin at **9:00am** – we will receive the children into the classroom from 8:50am onwards
- To enable us to implement staggered finish times, the Year F school day will end at **2:50pm**
- To enable us to allow social distancing for all adults
 - **at the start of the school day**, parents may need to queue at a 2m distance along the side of the school, adhering to the one-way pedestrian route, until they reach the classroom door to drop off their child.
 - **at the end of the school day**, parents will be asked to gather at a suitable distance in a designated space where the teacher can see them before releasing any child. Further details will be included in our next communication to parents when we know which children will be in which classroom space.

To assist us in assessing the number of children to expect, and their needs, we need you to complete our online 'Returning to School' Registration and Questionnaire by Wednesday 27th May 2020, even if you are a Key Worker and your child has already been at school. Please see:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=112&form=215>

In addition, all parents intending to return their child to school must complete our online Health Declaration:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=79&form=139>

Please do not complete this declaration before Monday 1st June 2020.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept your child back into school unless we have received both your Registration and a completed Health Declaration.

We are sure that you will have a number of questions, so we have included answers to as many of these as possible overleaf. Please use the 'contact us' form on our website if you have any further questions. I send my best wishes to every family at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Allen
Headteacher

FAQ

When can Year F children return to school?

From 9:00am to 2:50pm on Thursday 4th June (assuming the Government confirm this next step).

Are drop off and collection arrangements the same?

No. To reduce the risk of coronavirus transmission, we are introducing a one-way system. Parents are asked to adhere to this, to observe 2m social distancing as far as is possible, and to drop children individually at the classroom door. Please wait at a distance if there is already a parent at the door. This process is likely to take longer so we ask for your patience and consideration towards other parents.

Will lunch be available?

Yes. Year F continue to be entitled to Universal Free School meals. These meals will be a 'lunch box' picnic style meal.

Do I need to supply a drink and snack for my child?

Please supply a named water bottle for your child. At the point of publication, we do not know if fruit or vegetable snacks will be provided. If they are not, your child can bring a piece of fruit or raw vegetable into school.

Does my child need to wear uniform?

Yes please. We would like the children to adjust back to our normal routine. However, if your child has grown out of an item, we will be flexible for this summer term.

Will there still be COAT days on a Monday?

Not necessarily, but we will be taking the children outside as much as possible, so please ensure they have suitable footwear for outside that they can keep in school. 😊

Will my child need their PE kit?

Yes - but as with uniform we can be flexible if your child has grown out of an item. We ask however that their kit is suitable for sports activities. Trainers for PE can also be used for outdoor learning (see above).

How large will group sizes be?

This will depend on the number of children who return, but groups will be no larger than 15 children.

Will my child get to spend time with their class teacher and usual Learning Support Assistants?

This will depend on which group they are placed in. We have to maintain 'bubble' groups of children and adults and staff cannot move between these groups. However, they will undoubtedly see their favourite member of staff, even if it is at a distance!

What steps are you taking to reduce my child's risk of catching the coronavirus?

Please refer to our letter of 20th May 2020.

What will you do if a child or member of staff becomes ill?

If a child or adult displays symptoms of the coronavirus, they will be isolated from others and sent home. We will then ask the rest of the group to self-isolate until we know the results of the COVID-19 test. Should they subsequently test positive, the rest of the class, including staff, will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

How will I know that my child is safe?

We will follow all available guidance but cannot guarantee that children will not be exposed to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Will I get into trouble if I choose not to send my child back to school on 4th June?

Absolutely not. There will be no sanction if you choose not to take up the offer for your child to return to school at this time.

If my child does not return at this time, will I still have access to 'learning at home'?

The teachers who, up until this point, have been planning the learning at home will now be teaching full time and planning and preparing resources for all of the Year F classroom groups. They will endeavour to share their planned learning via the website, but this may not be as detailed as it has been previously.