

Friday 29th May 2020

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PARENTS REGARDING THE PHASED REOPENING OF BUCKTON VALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government has asked all schools to plan to make provision for school to be **open to Reception and Y1 and Y6** with effect from Monday 8th June for Tameside schools. As you know, I have canvassed parents via a survey and this current plan, takes into account the numbers of children whose parents have notified us of their return. Any further changes which will increase numbers will require careful planning and may result in us being unable to continue with the current plan.

Buckton Vale will be phasing the children and adults back into the school building carefully over several weeks for everyone's well-being and safety. Information about which bubble your child is in will follow (on Monday) if you have requested a place. The below plan indicates start dates for each bubble showing a gradual reintegration of children. On weeks the children are not in school (white areas) they will continue to work at home on their learning packs (via the website) like the other children. By early July, it is hoped that all children will be familiar with the changes to our behaviour expectations and new social distancing measures we have put into place. By this time, social distancing measures will be understood and children will have been given the chance to get used to the new school way. There is also a possibility of wider school opening by this date based on the Government guidance to reintegrate more children a month before the summer holidays.

The below table indicates our plans for a gradual reintegration of children.

	8 th June	15 th June	22 nd June	29 th June	6 th July
New Key worker Bubble	Children returning have been given a place based on parental rota's/return to work. These parents have provided documentation from employers as all other key workers have already provided documentation.				
Year 1/ Reception Bubble B	Year 1/Rec Group B return		Year 1/Rec Group B		Year 1 Group B
Year 1 Bubble A		Year 1 Group A return		Year 1 Group A	Year 1 Group A
Year 6 Bubble A	Year 6 Group A return		Year 6 Group A		Year 6 Group A
Year 6 Bubble B		Year 6 Group B return		Year 6 Group B	Year 6 Group B

It will be a very different 'set up' to that which the children are used to. We will try at all times to ensure that children are happy and relaxed and we would ask you to talk to them at home about how different things might be. That said, we are really looking forward to welcoming children back and to seeing many of them again. In these difficult times, a strong community is so important and we are so proud to be part of Carrbrook.

With the kindest regards



Mrs Brown
Headteacher

NOTICE FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN RETURNING TO SCHOOL FOLLOWING COVID19 CLOSURE

This plan has been written in accordance with the government guidance document:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

The plan is based on our current indication of pupil numbers which has enabled us to facilitate children being in a small group with their main year group teachers. If the guidance or pupil numbers change, the plan will need to change accordingly. If you have currently chosen not to send your child into school but at a later date wish to send them, you will be required to give school one-week notice.

The government guidance suggests that implementing the following controls in schools will substantially reduce the risk of transmission of infection:

- Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell
- Cleaning hands more often than usual
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene ('catch it, bin it, kill it')
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces
- Minimising contact and mixing by altering the environment and timetables

In order to adhere to these controls, we will be making lots of changes to our usual school day, which are outlined in this plan.

General information

- **School has employed a full time cleaning team temporarily** so the school can be kept clean at all times.
- Children should come to school in full uniform and school shoes – or as close to this as possible
- Children do not need to bring their book bags to school as no books or resources will be sent home.
- Children **should not** bring anything from home such as pencil cases, toys or teddies.
- Children will wash and sanitise hands on entrance to and exit from school as well as regularly throughout the day.
- Children will be in groups no greater than 15 in accordance with Government guidelines.
- **If a child / staff member within a group starts showing symptoms, all children from that group will need to be collected and taken home. Children will need to stay at home for 14 days or until the child has been tested and results are negative.**
- **You must not send your child into school if you, or anybody in your household, displays any of the symptoms.**

School pick up and drop off

In order to avoid large numbers of people entering and leaving at the same time, school **start and finish times will be staggered for different year groups.**

- Only **one** adult is permitted to drop off and pick up
- There will be different entrance and exit points for each year group
- At drop off and pick-up time, parents from reception, will enter onto the reception area, on Bright Futures side. A member of staff will be at the gate to greet/dismiss the children during this time in order for a 'one-way' system to operate. Once parents have dropped off or picked-up, they will continue to walk in an anti-clockwise direction across the road and down the path and through the Bright Futures gates.
- Please ensure social distancing at all times.
- **It is important that you are on time so that the staggered times can be fully effective. If you are late you risk the potential spread of any infection into more than one bubble. For this reason, lateness will be considered reason to withdraw the offer of a place.**

Year Group	Drop off	Pick up
Key Worker children	<p>Drop off at 8:30 at the front gate as usual.</p> <p>Parents should not come onto the playground. Please wait at the gate to drop off your child.</p>	<p>Children to be collected at 3:30pm as usual. The gates will now be closed and we requested that parents enter through the office gates and follow the coned area. A queue will be formed around the carpark path. Key worker children will be dismissed with an adult via the office.</p> <p>No parents will be permitted onto the school grounds.</p>
Year 6	<p>Drop off at 8:45am</p> <p>Parents should not come onto the playground. Please drop off at the side gate or front office as usual and let your child walk round to the classroom.</p>	<p>Pick up at 3:15pm</p> <p>Children to be collected at 3:15pm. The gates will now be closed and Y6 children will be dismissed through their Y6 classroom or via the left exit, closest to the present Y5/6 classroom. They will be escorted to the gates with an adult.</p> <p>No parents will be permitted onto the school grounds.</p>
Year 1	<p>Drop off at 9:00am</p> <p>Parents should not come onto the playground. Please drop off at the front gate, opposite the school office. A member of staff will be there to help them in. The fire door closest to the Y1 classroom will be open for quick and easy access.</p>	<p>Pick up at 3:00pm</p> <p>Parents can collect from the school front gate, opposite the school office. Please respect social distancing rules.</p> <p>Please ensure you are on time and prompt when leaving with your child in order for the staggered collect times to work.</p>
Reception	<p>Drop off at 9:15</p> <p>Parents should bring their child to the reception gates. Following social distancing markers.</p> <p>A member of staff will meet your child at the gate and help them into school.</p>	<p>Pick up at 2:45pm</p> <p>Parents can arrive at the gates following social distancing markers. A teacher will bring your child to the gates for you to take them home.</p> <p>Once your child has been collected please follow the one-way system: walk across the road and out of the Bright Futures gates.</p>

Thank you in advance for your support,



Mrs Brown
Headteacher