

Monday June 1st 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

You will by now have received a text message informing you of which group your child will be in for our phased return to school. Please do not send your child to school unless you have received a text message and therefore an offer of a place. If you believe you should have heard from us by now please email us together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk or telephone the school office on 01457 833102 urgently.

In addition to the below information we have a significant number of requests for key worker places. These are also now full and will not be reviewed until the week beginning July 6th when we have received more information from the Government. No more children can be added to our lists due to the rules regarding maximum numbers in 'bubbles.'

	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/Reception Group B return	Children from Bubble B not in school	Year 1/Reception Group B	Children from Bubble B not in school	Year 1/Reception Group B
Year 1 Bubble A	Children from Bubble A not in school	Year 1 Group A return	Children from Bubble A not in school	Year 1 Group A	Year 1 Group A
Year 6 Bubble A	Year 6 Group A return	Children from Bubble A not in school	Year 6 Group A	Children from Bubble A not in school	Year 6 Group A
Year 6 Bubble B	Children from Bubble B not in school	Year 6 Group B return	Children from Bubble B not in school	Year 6 Group B	Year 6 Group B

May I remind you that children should be wearing full school uniform, this includes our Key Worker children both new and old; this will feel a little different for them. I understand the difficulties this might cause and urge as close to uniform as possible for items such as shoes. We believe that being in school uniform will help the children returning and allow some sense of belonging. It is advised that uniform is washed daily.

Reminder of what your child needs

- Children **do not need** to bring a bag or anything from home such as teddies, pencil cases or books; this includes wet bags, PE Kits and wellies.
- Children **do need** to bring a full, clearly named water bottle.
- Children who have a school dinner will need to select their meal on the online system (school grid) before 9am each day, otherwise please bring a packed lunch.

At school, we are preparing for more children to return with classrooms undergoing a deep clean, rooms are being prepared for fewer children in them and breaks and lunchtime rota's are planned.

In order for school to run as smoothly as possible please refer to the information I have sent on Friday regarding start and end times. For those of you with children in two classes, please send your children in at the latest time indicated. For example, if you have children in Y6 and reception, they can start together at 9:15am if you prefer to drop them at school at the same time.

It is likely to feel quite strange, at first, for your children returning to school without all of their friends, without adults on the playground, sitting at a table alone and being asked to keep a social distance from others. This is likely to generate some unchartered feelings including feeling scared, anxious or worried. They might also be feeling excited about returning to school and wanting to see their teachers and some of the friends they know are also returning. Please be assured that we are all ready to support the children in coping with such a mixture of feelings. As usual at Buckton Vale, we plan to do our best in this difficult situation to ensure the children feel welcomed and looked after.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back and hope that this is the beginning of the end of COVID19.

Thank you in advance for your continued support,

Stay safe everyone



Mrs Brown
Headteacher