



Wednesday 24th June

### **Return to School at Black Horse Hill Infant School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am now in a position to write to you about the wider re-opening of school for our Foundation 2 and Year 1 pupils. Much of the information in this letter you will have read on 5<sup>th</sup> June when we invited Year 2 children back into school but I thought it would be helpful to remind you as your children return to school.

On **29th June**, we will welcome our Foundation 2 and Year 1 children back into school for three weeks. During this time, the children will be placed in bubbles of up to 15 and will not necessarily be in a bubble with all their friends or unfortunately their class teacher.

You will receive a text on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June to inform you which bubble your child has been allocated to – Bubble 1, 2, 3, 5 or 6.

Once our bubbles have been set up we will not be able to accept any further pupils.

The Foundation 2 and Year 1 children will attend school **Monday to Thursday**. On Friday school will undergo a deep clean, teaching staff will have their weekly planning and preparation time to plan the children's learning and also upload home learning to the school website. This can't take place as we would normally do in the school week because every member of staff is deployed in delivering learning to the children in the bubbles.

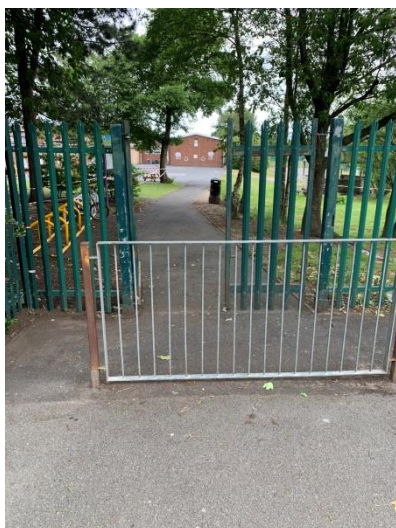
**PLEASE NOTE:** Provision for Key Worker children will continue on a Friday.

**School will then close for all children and key worker families when the academic year ends on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.**

Please find below details of new school procedures.

#### **Start of the Day**

Children are to be dropped off through the gate on Frankby Road and parents are to exit through the gate in the direction of the Junior school – a one way system. We ask that only one adult accompanies their child to school and for parents to adhere to the 2 metre socially distancing rules. There will be staggered drop off and collection times to ensure that appropriate social distancing can be maintained. We ask that parents do not congregate by the school gates and that you follow social distancing guidelines.



Entrance gate on  
Frankby Road



Exit gate  
Towards BHHJS



Exit footpath to  
Saughall Massie Road

Bubbles	School start time	School end time	Children will enter and exit through this door
Bubble 1 (Year 1 children)	8.40am	2.45pm	Year 2 door
Bubble 2 (Year 1 children)	8.45am	2.50pm	Year 1 door
Bubble 3 (Year 1 children)	8.50am	2.55pm	Year 1 door
Bubble 4 Key Worker Children	8.50am	3.05pm	Fire Door in School Hall
Bubble 5 (Foundation 2 children)	8.55am	3pm	Foundation 2 door
Bubble 6 (Foundation 2 children)	9am	3.05pm	Foundation 1 door

We ask that children wear a fresh set of their own clothes (not uniform) each day and it is essential that they bring their own labelled water bottle. There will be no working water fountain available in school. We must insist at this time that no other items are brought into school e.g. toys. Items such as reading books will not be sent home. We also ask that children do not wear shoes with laces, if they cannot tie them themselves.

To adhere to our risk assessment, and to keep our children and staff safe, we are no longer able to provide assistance, e.g. hand holding, to support children coming into school. Please speak to your child regarding this so that they understand.

The daily timetable for children will look different to a typical school day as safety remains our utmost priority. Children will be allocated to a 'bubble' that will be led by two members of staff. This may or may not be a teacher or teaching assistant that your child was taught by before lockdown. Each bubble will have a classroom base (again, it may not be your child's usual room) and they will remain here for the day, including their allocated lunchtime. Children will have lots of opportunities to learn and play outdoors.

We will ensure that children have the opportunity to practise reading, writing and maths during the week alongside participating in sessions about health and hygiene and simple stories which facilitate discussions which may help children's mental health. School staff are very sensitive to the fact that children may be anxious upon their return to school.

### **Regular, Rigorous Cleaning**

We would like to reassure parents and carers that there will be thorough cleaning of all classrooms and equipment before children's arrival and at timetabled points throughout the day. Hand washing will be timetabled regularly throughout the day and children will be consistently reminded of its importance in controlling the spread of germs. Each child will have their own named learning pack which contains the resources and equipment that they will need for the school day.

### **Lunch Times**

Lunch will be provided as part of the Universal Free School Meals for Infant Children scheme. This will be a cold packed lunch as no hot dinners will be available. Your child can bring a packed lunch if they prefer which should be sent in a disposable bag that can be thrown away afterwards.

### **End of the Day**

At the end of the day your child will exit the school using the same door that they entered. Please exit the playground using the one way system. Please be considerate to parents who may be sharing the path, although staggered arrival and departure times should reduce contact.

### **Other information**

As you are not able to come into school we have attached a picture of what a classroom now looks like at Black Horse Hill Infant School. Please talk to your child about why the classroom is set out as it is.



### **PPE**

We will be following government guidance about the use of PPE. There may be occasions for example when supporting an ill child or administering first aid that staff may need to wear a face covering or visor as shown below.



### **School Office**

We will not be accepting people into our school office unless they have a pre-arranged appointment. If possible please telephone or email any queries.

### **Home Learning**

We will continue to provide home-learning resources until the end of the summer term. Learning Pack 5 has been uploaded onto the school website on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and our next resource pack for each year group will be available on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Warmest regards,

Julie Morris