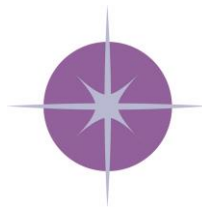




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'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will have read in the letter today from Mr Bowditch. We are so pleased to say that the Multi-Academy Trust supports us in the decision to invite more pupils back to school before the end of term, as it is feasible and within the guidelines of the Risk Assessment already in place for Phase 1.

As nearly all teaching staff are now back in school full time, we can also offer additional contact for pupils at home:

- Class teachers are currently contacting each pupil by phone and Mrs Cleeves will follow up with another call week beginning 22 June.
- If parents would like to chat to a class teacher about their child's progress, home learning or how the school can support you further, then please contact the office and we will ensure we contact you by phone or by email, whichever you would prefer.
- If pupils do not return for whatever reason, we will send out information to enable all pupils to understand the new routines in school to keep them healthy and safe as this is likely to be a feature of school for some time. We will do this in school for any pupils who return.

We have successfully been able to bring back children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and maintain our Key Worker Group, and it works well so far within the guidelines we have to have in place in terms of staffing, group size and social distancing. However, in order to be able to accommodate more children we are going to close the Year 6 bubble to release staff and rooms. (Government guidelines clearly state that we have to prioritise the Key Worker Group and Reception and Year 1 at this stage). This will be on Friday 3 July, giving us enough time to complete all the necessary transition work and activities for the Year 6 pupils, then giving each year group from Years 2-5 time in school during the last two weeks. It's not ideal but we are lucky to be able to accommodate more pupils, some schools are sadly still unable to do this safely.

Our outline plan is as follows:

Week beginning Monday 6 July - Thursday 10 July - Year 2 and 3 in school.

Week beginning Monday 13 July - Thursday 16 July - Year 4 and 5 in school.

(Fridays are set aside for staff meetings and planning and a deep clean of the school.)

More specific, detailed guidance about staggered start and finish times, entrances and social distancing guidelines etc. will be sent out to parents and carers of children in Years 2-5 as soon as possible but by 26 June at the latest.

Once they return, the children will all have an opportunity to spend time with their current teacher and teaching assistants and where possible next year's teacher (obviously we cannot guarantee that they will be with them all the time as we cannot have groups over 15 and some staff are already deployed in existing bubbles however we have plenty of outdoor space so bubbles can 'meet' at a distance and staff can 'visit' at a distance too). The children will receive some much-missed direct teaching, social contact and end of year celebrations, (even mini sports days!). I appreciate that it is not a huge amount of time in school, but it is what we can achieve within the strict guidelines and we will endeavour to make it a rewarding experience for all the children. We do not yet know if social distancing measures and classes of 15 maximum will still be in place in September, so we want all pupils to have experience of this too.

At this stage we would like to know as soon as we can how many pupils in Years 2-5 may be returning to school so that we can organise the new bubble rooms and allocate staffing. Please could you have a think, then send an email to office@kcs.bwmat.org to let us know if you might send your child to school as per the dates above. You can change your mind at any time and there is no obligation to send your child - it is entirely your decision. It would help us to know though, if you are definitely not taking a place as then we will know potential maximum sizes of the bubbles. If you are a 'yes' or a 'maybe' then we can prepare for your child's return. We need to know potential numbers by Monday 22 June at the latest so that we can make arrangements and send out information by 26 June.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to hearing from you and we are so excited to be able to welcome all the children back in some way by the end of term.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Thomson and the Staff Team