

Westfields

JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Well here we are at the end of the half term and in addition to being open for our vulnerable children/keyworkers this week, we have also been busily making final arrangements for the extended opening from 1st June.

Thank you to all of you who returned the questionnaire informing us of your intentions regarding attendance. Using this information, we have arranged our bubbles as detailed in my last letter. I have also received a number of calls and emails regarding dynamics of these new groups; let me assure you that much time and consideration has been spent ensuring that the bubbles are inclusive of friendship groups as well as a balance of educational needs, gender etc.



I am under no illusion whatsoever that drop-offs and collections may be a little time consuming and may even be chaotic initially – please be patient with us, we are doing our absolute best but be prepared that these may take more time than usual in order to ensure everyone's safety. In addition to this, I would like you to be aware that we need your support in adhering to the timetable (drop-off between 8.30am and 9.00am as well as between

3.00pm (unaccompanied Year 6 walkers)/3.15pm to 3.30pm for all pick-ups). We would also like to request that parents model social distancing during these times; again to support health and safety procedures.



May I take this opportunity to stress that the vast majority of the 78 Year 6 pupils returning have been given permission to walk home alone. As I previously communicated, with pupils walking unaccompanied it is essential that parents instil the need for their children to socially distance on their journeys home without adult supervision; otherwise all of our efforts in school to maintain bubbles will be in vain. We will of course be talking to the children about this but would greatly appreciate your support too – thank you in advance.

In relation to mobile phones, these will need to be ideally stored inside lunchboxes or kept in pockets until they can be wiped with antibacterial spray and placed in individual pupil's stationery pockets in their bubbles – parents must have signed a Mobile Phone Agreement and be clear that mobile phones are not permitted to be switched on whilst on the school site.

Due to the increased numbers of key worker children, we have needed to use more classrooms and therefore pick-up points have changed for some of our keyworker/vulnerable pupils:



End of Day Routine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up times will be staggered. Children will leave the school site as follows (there will be staff on duty to direct parents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Between 3.00pm-3.15pm, children who are walking home on their own without an adult will leave the school site (permission has been given on the previous parent response). ✓ Other Year 6 pupils will be collected via the front playground between 3.15pm and 3.30pm. There will be cones placed 2 metres apart around the perimeter of the playground. Year 6 children will stand by a cone awaiting parents to enter the school via the side gate, walk along the path and meet them and leave promptly. ✓ Year 5 children will be collected via the courtyard gates. ✓ Year 3 and 4 children will be collected via the side gate between The Hive and The Active Rooms, parents should enter the school site via the pedestrian gate next to the car park gates. ✓ Staff will be on duty to direct anyone who is unsure!
School Lunches Update	Linda and HC3S have confirmed that there will be a daily choice of two different sandwich fillings (red/green) in a picnic bag with fruit, vegetable sticks and a pudding of the day – these lunches can be ordered on a daily basis and paid for via Tucasi as usual (see attached flyer for details).

All other details previously communicated for your reference remain the same.

We have planned for the children to continue their year group curriculum with a greater emphasis on PSHE and wellbeing as well as encouraging all teachers to utilise our extensive grounds as a learning environment. In addition to this, the Year 6 children will have the opportunity to complete transition activities which have been set in collaboration with their respective secondary schools. Here you can see how classrooms have been organised:



I understand that restrictions have been relaxed regarding contact but please be mindful that all children returning to school must strictly adhere to these strictly as they are mixing with other children (and staff!) within their bubbles. Whilst I completely empathise with the frustrations of the government guidance, we must all continue to follow the guidelines to keep our school as safe as possible. Unfortunately, under the current guidance, if we are aware of children/families not following the guidelines, we would not be able to accommodate the pupil in school for a two-week isolation period to maintain the safety of the other children and staff in their bubble.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and stay safe – we are looking forward to welcoming back our pupils on Monday, they are all greatly missed!

Regards,

Miss Jo Redman
Headteacher