



11th June 2020

Important – Please read this letter carefully; some information might be different from the Government’s and Local Authority’s announcements

Dear Parent/Carer,

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be eligible to return to school, at Greengate Lane Academy and we will be welcoming pupils back on Week beginning 15th June 2020

We have decided to use a rota system for children returning to the school site. The following year groups should attend on the following days (with timings):

YR6 – Monday 15th June 8.45am to 2.45pm Note New Entrances on Documents

- Nursery children – Wednesday 17th June at 8.50am to 2.45pm
- Reception children – Wednesday 17th June at 8.50am to 2.45pm
- Yr1 – Wednesday 17th June at 9.00 am to 3.00pm Note Entrances on Documents
- Key Workers – Monday 15th June at 8.30am -3.15pm Note Entrances on Documents. Please see important note below

Our plans are closely based on the survey returns that you have given letting us know whether or not you intend to send your child to school next week. If you have told us that your child will not return at that time, it might not be possible to guarantee a place. Please therefore contact us immediately if you have changed your time.

Key worker children and children who are considered vulnerable will continue to come into school as they have done throughout lockdown. **Please can you inform us of the childrens attendance patterns so that we can manage effectively.** For all other children in other year groups (Years 2 – 5), we will continue to provide online learning so that they continue with their lessons.

For those children returning, I want to reassure you that the safety of your children and our staff is our number one priority in all of our planning. Supported by the wider Astrea team,

we have all been working hard to put in place a number of protective measures to help make the school as safe as it can be.

In preparing for 15th June we have been closely following Government guidance, and there are a number of changes to the way the school day will run. These include:

- Clear drop-off and pick-up arrangements that will help us follow social distancing rules and to remind parents that they will not be able to enter the school site;
- Children will be in 'bubbles' of no more than 15 pupils – this will be the case for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 6 as well as vulnerable children and those of critical workers;
- Children will remain in their bubble at all times with the same staff members as far as is possible;
- These bubbles include the children they can play with during school hours and those that they will eat with at lunchtimes.
- We will implement a strict cleaning programme and rota that follows the Government guidelines
- We will ensure that all adults and children follow strict personal hygiene with frequent hand washing, the supply of hand sanitizers and PPE (as appropriate) and follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' mantra.

We will continue to monitor the numbers of children needing to return from June and we will ask you to complete updated versions of the parent survey each week to support our detailed planning. This does mean that the way we offer our provision is likely to change over the course of the next half term.

We appreciate that you will have questions and concerns about your child returning to school. As ever, please do get in touch with us to discuss these.

In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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Principal
Greengate Lane