

Dear Parents & Carers,

This letter will detail specifics for the planned re-opening to **Year 1** pupils.

The government's proposals to re-open primary schools to more pupils from Monday 1st June was postponed for Nottingham City Schools. We are awaiting to hear a date from them as to when we will re-open but we are now collecting names of children who would like to return to Year 1 (a possible start date MAY be Monday 15th June)

I hope this will help you – as a parent – come to an informed decision about whether you will be sending your child into school. This is entirely your decision and as a school we will continue to support you whatever decision you come to. There will be no penalties for parents if they choose **not** to send their child into school at this time.

Our first priority is the safety and well-being of the children and staff, and in order to re-open safely we will need to make significant changes to the school day and 'normal' routines. Below are guidelines on this:

School Routines when your child returns:

Class 'Bubbles'

- Children will be in small groups of 10
- Children may **not** be with all of their friends
- Teaching 'bubbles' will not be allowed to mix and will be kept separate throughout the day
- **Teaching 'bubbles' cannot be changed. We will fill up a 'Y1 Bubble a' and a 'Y1 bubble b'. After these first 20 children are in, we will fill a third bubble and then a forth.**
- Teaching 'bubbles' will always be taught by the same adults, wherever possible. There will be 2 adults in each 'bubble'
- Bubbles will be led by Mrs Cattermole / Miss Crawford / Miss Manasseh and Mrs McDonald. Children may not be in their usual classroom, and each 'bubble' will use the same classroom throughout the day and week
- Children will **wash their hands** before they enter school.
- We will talk to the children about social distancing and endeavour that activities we plan for support this thinking. However – we **are** a school. Your children are children and we make no guarantees about them being 2m apart at all times in their 'bubble'
- Each 'bubble' will have their own toilet

What will school look like?

- Children's tables will be spaced out and set out to reduce spread of coronavirus. (see picture)
- Children will **enter school in a systematic way with 2m distancing clear / lining up on the playground** will also be clearly directed.



- The school environment is set up with a **one way system**. Children will only move about the school in this direction with their 'bubble'
- Classrooms are arranged with clear surfaces and soft furnishings / toys removed
- Cleaning will take place throughout the day.
- **Each child will have a designated space** which is labelled to support tracing measures. They will all have a set of personal equipment provided
- **Your child will put all their belongings by their chair. They will not use pegs / coat hooks etc.**



How do I enter school?

- **Year 1** children **MUST** enter through the Mountfield Road or Beckhampton Road (by the cob shop) gates. Wash their hands at outside sinks on the KS1 playground and then line up at the boxes near the Year 1 classrooms. There will be staff supervising handwashing and arrival onto school site.
- **Children will need to wear UNIFORM.** If bits of uniform don't fit – don't worry. Send them in an appropriate alternative. Just do your best!
- Chn can wear trainers
- Bring a spare T Shirt for PE
- We advise you wash your child's uniform every night.
- We advise children **bring a water bottle.** If they do not – they will be given a plastic disposable cup.



Dinners:

- You can choose to send your child in with a packed lunch or order (as usual) a dinner via ParentPay. The kitchens are running as usual. Your child will eat with their bubble. Play with their bubble at lunchtime / breaktime.
- Children will eat in either the dining hall or in their classroom with their 'bubble'



- The **school day will run with reduced hours** to allow us to stagger drop-offs, pick-ups, breaktimes and lunchtimes and to allow for additional cleaning, e.g.

'Y1 Bubble a' = 9:15am – 2:15pm (Based in Sheriff Y1 classroom)

'Y1 Bubble b' = 9:30am – 2:30pm (Based in Scarlett Y1 classroom)

'Y1 Bubble c' = 9:45am – 2:45pm (Based in Sherwood Y2 classroom)

'Y1 Bubble d' = 10:00am – 3:00pm (Based in Forest Y2 classroom)

- There will be NO breakfast club provision or After School Club provision



Dining Hall and One way system around school

- Only one parent will be able to drop off or pick up their child, and parents will not be able to enter the school building unless in an emergency.
- Parents and children must observe social distancing when coming to and from school
- At the end of the day, each 'bubble' will be dismissed and children must go home immediately



• There will be additional points for children to understand in our behaviour policy, e.g. following requests around hygienic measures etc. This will be sent to you if you decide to send your child so you can look through them together • <u>Children will wash their hands</u> often throughout the day. • Children will be taken to the toilet and supervised with hand washing • We will teach and go over certain hygiene routines • We will have a <u>daily PSHE session</u> to support every child's emotional wellbeing • We will be outdoors as much as possible • We will encourage children to be doing as <u>much physical exercise</u> as we can. Any PE equipment used will be cleaned between sets of 'bubbles'	
• Fortnightly learning booklets will be prepared by Year 1 staff and left in the boxes on school site for any pupils who do not attend school. You can also request this to be posted out to you. • There will NOT be additional remote learning sent out to Year 1 from the point when Y1 return. • Teachers will NOT be able to respond to emails in the way they have been doing – the office will be in contact weekly with parents of children not attending school	
• There will be signage around our school to remind everyone of staying alert to coronavirus spread prevention • Windows / external doors are open to increase ventilation. Send your child with a jumper. It can get cold! • Our plans mean we are taking every possible step to follow government guidelines whilst ensuring we are acting with the safety of our pupils and staff at the heart of every decision we make	

Miss Crawford has made a video which you can access from the website and in the Year 1 remote learning folder. This will help you see what a school day will look like with these protective measures in place. Look at it with your child and talk to your child about how they are feeling. We have done this to reassure you and so you can make an informed decision about sending your child to school.

School will be a different experience from when we broke up on Friday 20th March. The children's safety and well-being are our top priority, and all of our decisions about how we re-open will be based on the welfare and safety of the children and staff.

If you have further questions, please do get in touch.

If you would like to send your child to school from the date we re-open, please email Miss Crawford at senco@robinhood.nottingham.sch.uk

We will then be in touch with further information.

We ask you do this by Wednesday 10th JUNE at 5pm. If you do NOT email back – we may not be able to have your child in school until the start of a week (i.e. a Monday) as plans rely on staff and school being prepared.

Kind Regards,

N C Bridges (Headteacher)

QUESTIONS YOU MAY ASK:

Q) What if my child already attends skeleton school?

School will open to Y1. This means that if your child is in skeleton school – they will now be able to access Year 1. They will NOT however be able to go into skeleton school any more. We are avoiding groups and bubbles mixing. So your child will have to come during the reduced Year 1 day. Speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions on this. You may have other children attending skeleton school. There will be a "pod" system which will help this but this must only be used with prior arrangement with staff.

Q) What if I decide not to send my child in when school re opens but after a few weeks, I do want them to come in?

YOU CANNOT "JUST SEND YOUR CHILD INTO SCHOOL" School MUST be aware your child is coming. Depending on staffing – you may have to wait until the start of a week – a Monday for your child to start school so we can ensure we have staff ready and classrooms ready. School and home MUST keep in contact about any decisions you make.

Q) What if my child is sick? Do I keep them off school?

Yes – as you usually would. Call school if you are unsure. If you feel your child has any symptoms of coronavirus – follow this advice:

Staff and pupils who report the following symptoms remain at home for 7 days. Their household members must remain at home for 14 days:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss of taste or smell

All staff and pupils who are attending a school will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, they are encouraged to get tested in this scenario <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

Where the pupil or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the pupil tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting are sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

Q) What if my child or someone else in their bubble shows coronavirus symptoms?

We have a designated "sick bay" in school. They will be taken there and you will be asked to collect them and contact NHS / self isolate. Tests will be available to you via:

Our school is also well stocked in PPE for staff. If your child has suspected coronavirus symptoms – a staff member will wear PPE whilst they administer care.



Q) Does my child need their PE kit in school? Will they be getting changed for PE?

No. Your child will not need PE kit – just trainers they can wear all day and a spare T-shirt.

Q) What if my child does not follow instructions e.g. following one way system / not washing their hands when asked to?

I hope this will not happen. However, if a child is not following instructions, you will be asked to collect them and consequences will apply as usual.

