

Dear Parents & Carers,

First – I hope you are all well: staying safe and keeping positive! The Government decision to re-open school to some year groups has been – no doubt – a controversial one. Robin Hood has been open throughout the coronavirus crisis. There have always been between 15 – 30 children in school on a daily basis – including throughout all holidays and Bank Holidays. We have run this as a “skeleton school” and from the offset put in place rigorous strategies to minimise any risk to children and staff working in the setting.

The government’s proposals to re-open primary schools to more pupils from Monday 1st June is still conditional, and the reopening of schools will only happen if the five key tests set out by the government have been met.

We have read the government guidance on the re-opening of schools. I have read plenty more in addition to this so that we can do our very best to ensure our school is the best prepared it can be for re-opening in this situation. We also want you as parents – and your children to be prepared and so have held off contacting you until we can indicate what our decisions are re the phased re-opening of our school and at least some of the detail which you will want to know. I hope this will help you – as a parent – come to an informed decision about whether you will be sending your child into school when the time comes. This is entirely your decision and as a school we will continue to support you whatever decision you come to.

Every school setting, staff and environment is unique and what we will aim to do at Robin Hood is a *gradual* and *phased* re-opening which builds staff, parent and pupil confidence as we go along. **Our skeleton school provision will continue as usual till the end of term.** You MUST be on the skeleton school register to access this provision.

Robin Hood will open to **Year 6 only** the week beginning 1st June. We will then extend the offer to Year 1 from Monday 8th June and Reception from Monday 15th June. The re-opening of school will be under constant review.

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. These are some guidelines which will need to be in place should we reopen on Monday 1st June. Every year group will receive an individual letter as school re-opens to make clear key points of note for each specific cohort.

School Routines when your child returns:

Class ‘Bubbles’

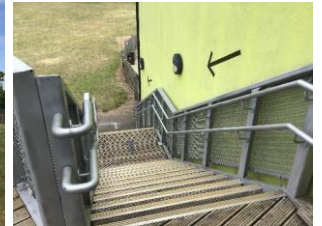
- Children will be in small groups of 15
- Children may **not** be with all of their friends
- Teaching ‘bubbles’ will not be allowed to mix and will be kept separate throughout the day
- Teaching ‘bubbles’ cannot be changed
- Teaching ‘bubbles’ will always be taught by the same adults, wherever possible. There will be 2 adults in each ‘bubble’
- A child may not be taught by their regular teacher / TA
- 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
- Children will be asked to enter school site through a designated gate

What will school look like?

- Children’s tables will be spaced out and their work station will be independent
- 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
- **Each child will have a designated space** which is labelled to support tracing measures. They will all have a set of personal equipment provided



- 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. 9:15am – 2:15pm
- There will be NO breakfast club provision or After School Club provision

- 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

- There will be additional points for children to understand in our behaviour policy, e.g following requests around hygienic measures etc.
- Children will wash their hands 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 daily PSHE session to support every child’s emotional wellbeing



- Children will eat in either the dining hall or in their classroom with their ‘bubble’

- Fortnightly leaning booklets and remote learning will continue as usual (unless a year group letter details something different)

- 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



School after Monday 1st June 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.

As provision is extended to other year groups – a school offer may well have to be part time.

As I have mentioned: skeleton school (open to keyworker children and vulnerable children) will continue to run as it has done.

Year 6 parents will receive another letter following this asking you to let us know if you plan to send your child into school. We ask you think carefully about this, contact us if you have any questions and then let us know so we can prepare for the staff we need.

There will also be a video shared for each year group as we gradually open to more children. A year 6 child is very different to a Year 1 child and we aim for our re-opening to be gradual so we can reassure parents of how each setting is prepared. This will help parents and children understand more clearly what a day in school will be like and I hope give you confidence and reassurance as our school opens to more pupils.

I hope this have given you detail regarding our plan. If you have further questions, please do get in touch,

Kind Regards,

N C Bridges (Headteacher)