

Thursday 18th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June our school began to open more widely in line with government plans for a phased re-opening. We started our re-opening by welcoming back the children from Y6. From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we are opening more widely to Y1 pupils and as you have decided you would like your child to return to school, please read the information below very carefully so you know what changes will be in place as part of our risk assessment.

As from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Year 1 will be split into 3 groups of up to 12 pupils and 2 or 3 members of staff. Pupils placed within each group will remain with that group and will not mix during the day with the pupils in the other groups. Each group will have different entry and exit times as shown below:

**Group A:** Arrive 8.45am. Finish 2.45pm (Wednesday Finish 12.45pm)

**Group B:** Arrive 9am. Finish 3pm (Wednesday Finish 1pm)

**Group C:** Arrive 9.15am. Finish 3.15pm (Wednesday Finish 1.15pm)

All pupils should enter school by the usual Y1 doorway on the infant playground. Please note that school will close each Wednesday afternoon for Year 1 pupils at the times shown above to allow for staff preparation time and additional cleaning.

**Only 1 adult is allowed to accompany each child onto the school site** and adults will not be allowed into the school building. Please do not arrive at school before the times shown above and please do not gather outside the school gates with other parents. Adults should observe social distancing requirements at all times around the school site.

**We will also have a one way system around the school site** as many of our paths are too narrow for 2-way movement. Parents and pupils should only enter the school grounds by the path from Ramford Street or the gate from Gaskell Street (and walk towards the Thompson Centre) and then go through the large nursery gates near the staff car park. To exit from the school site you should walk across the infant and junior playgrounds and exit by the gate on the junior playground that leads down the side of school and onto Gaskell Street or come back down the path that runs between school and the field and comes out at the Thompson Centre. The path towards Rising Stars building should then be used as the exit path. If this is not clear, there will be staff (and signs) around the school site on Monday to direct you and keep you on the right path!

Our school meal service has resumed and we are asking children to make menu selections so that food is not wasted. The 2 week menu is available on the school app and school website so please have a look and either phone school with your selection or complete it as you arrive on Monday. If your child brings a packed lunch then this should be brought to school as usual from Monday.

Children are to remain in their own clothes which should ideally be clean each day. Children should not bring any items into school other than their coat, water bottle/lunch box and sun cream if necessary.

If you need to speak to school staff please contact us by phone, school app or on Class Dojo. Please only call into the school office if absolutely necessary.

Finally, as you have decided that your child will return to school please can I ask that you make sure your family continue to follow the social distancing requirements. **Your child must not be out in the local area mixing with other children and similarly you should not be allowing other people outside your own household into your home. This puts other children and staff in school at an unacceptable increased risk of infection.** Over the last 12 weeks our school has remained open for the key worker children and vulnerable children and we have remained free from any infection but as lockdown is released I am concerned that people will begin to act in an irresponsible manner and this could have serious repercussions for all our school community. Please help to keep all our children and staff safe.

Many thanks for your continued support in difficult and challenging times.

Mrs P Farnell (Headteacher)



**One way system**