

11th June 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Update on the Wider reopening of Crown Lane Primary School

I hope that you and your loved ones are well and are keeping informed of the changes that the government are allowing from this coming Saturday. One beneficial change relates to single parent families who will be allowed to form a 'support bubble' with one other household. This might help some of our families by easing the pressures associated with childcare during these incredibly difficult times.

This week we invited back some children from Years 6 and 1. You may have seen the short film on our website that some of our 'Keyworker Bubble' children made with the help of our staff, showing how the school will operate until at least the summer holidays. Can I say a big thank you to the children who participated. We hope to take home at least 3 BAFTAS including one in the newly added category of '*Best Social Distancing in a British film*'.

Overall this week has gone very well in terms of our children being able to maintain the 2m social distancing. We have only had to occasionally remind some of the younger children about this rule.

In terms of teaching and learning this week has demonstrated just how well our staff plan, not only for groups of children but also for individuals. Bubbles have been engaged in their learning and behaviour has been a real strength. We are very proud of how the children have managed around the school and I would like to thank you for your support with this.

Feedback from pupils has been overwhelming positive however they have said that it takes time to adjust to the 'new look' of the school and in particular the classrooms. The positive feedback may be one contributing factor to the numbers of parents who have now decided to send their children back to school, who had not intended to do so earlier. This means that due to the much larger numbers returning than our initial Parental Questionnaire suggested, I have had to change the design of the bubbles to accommodate the influx of children.

Initially when I wrote to you I explained that every bubble would contain a maximum of 10 children. This was lower than the 15 children suggested by the government. I am now increasing the number of children in our newest bubbles to 15; however this is only where *absolutely* necessary. Support for our most vulnerable children remains unchanged and by increasing the numbers in each bubble the school remains within the government guidelines. Our school Risk Assessment will be adapted accordingly.

I also explained in an earlier letter to you that my priority was to open the school safely for all staff and children. The letter also explained that children were *not* assigned to bubbles based on friendship groups. This remains the situation. I fully appreciate that for some parents this scenario is not ideal and may require some getting used to by their children. I am therefore asking you to please keep in mind our workload by not requesting that your child be placed in a different bubble or to be placed in friendship groups. I am also asking you to give the school one working weeks' notice if you decide to send their child back to school on a date later than advised

in the grid below – this helps staff to plan for their child’s individual needs. Finally, can I ask that you leave the area outside of school promptly after dropping off and collecting each day. This not only sets a good example to children who see their parents helping to maintain the social distancing guidelines but it also keeps the area immediately outside of the school clear for the next group of parents who are arriving or picking up at the end of the day.

Over the coming weeks you will notice an increase in the number of phone calls, and if we cannot get through to you, a text from the school. This will be your child’s teacher making a call to check on how they are progressing with Home Learning. The teacher will no doubt want to say a quick hello to you and then to speak with your child directly to see if there is any further support that they can give to them.

Outlined below are the start and finish times of the Year 6 and Year 1 children. You will receive a text from school to explain which ‘Bubble’ your child is in.

Year 6 children will attend school on alternate weeks

Start date	Weeks in school	Start time	Finish time
Year 6 08/06/20 Bubble 1	08/06/20 22/06/20 06/07/20	8.30am Line up (2m apart following markings) at the main front gate	2.30pm Collect from the main front gate
Year 6 08/06/20 Bubble 2	08/06/20 22/06/20 06/07/20	8.45am Line up (2m apart following markings) at the main front gate	2.45pm Collect from main front gate
Year 6 15/06/20 Bubble 1	15/06/20 29/06/20 13/07/20 Last day of term 17/07/20	8.30am Line up (2m apart following markings) at the main front gate	2.30pm Collect from main gate
Year 6 15/06/20 Bubble 2	15/06/20 29/06/20 13/07/20 Last day of term 17/07/20	8.45am Line up (2m apart following markings) at the main front gate	2.45pm Collect from main front gate

Year 1 children will attend school on alternate weeks

Start date	Weeks in school	Start time	Finish time
Year 1 08/06/20 Bubble 1	08/06/20 22/06/20 06/07/20	9.00am Line up (2m apart following markings) at the main front gate	3.00pm Collect from main front gate
Year 1 15/06/20 Bubble 1	15/06/20 29/06/20 13/07/20 Last day of term 17/07/20	9.00am Line up (2m apart following markings) at the main front gate	3.00pm Collect from main front gate
Year 1 15/06/20 Bubble 2	15/06/20 29/06/20 13/07/20 Last day of term 17/07/20	9.15am Line up (2m apart following markings) at the main front gate	3.15pm Collect from main front gate

Reminder - Remote Learning for Years 1 and 6

If your child is returning to school, during the week's that they are working from home there will be work from Oak Academy to complete daily. Children will find this under the 'Remote Learning Tab' on our school website.

Once again on behalf of myself and our wonderfully talented staff, can I say thank you for your patience and your support.

Sincerely,

Gavin Farrell
Headteacher