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Dear Parents,

Friars Primary Foundation School reopening plans

We hope you are all safe and well as we prepare to start following Government plans about gradually coming out of lockdown. I am sure all of you will be aware that the Government aims that from June 1st schools will stage a phased reopening. They have decided that the year groups that come back first will be Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. They have also decided that children in Years 2,3, 4 and 5 who have parents that are keyworkers or have already been identified by the school as needing a place will continue to attend. As a result we have put together a detailed plan that meets all of the stringent criteria around pupil and staff safety. I am writing to share the plan with you and therefore it is a necessarily long and detailed letter. We totally understand that you may be unsure about sending your child back and fully back your concerns that you want to keep them safe. **Please read to the end because there is an important section about getting your views.**

What follows are general principles that must be understood and adhered to without exception and although many of the measures outlined below may seem strict they will be in place to protect pupils staff and parents:

- **The amalgamation of Friars and St Peters comes to an end from June 1st and both schools will reopen on their own sites with their own children and staff.**
- **Our reopening will be phased. This means that only Reception and the keyworker/vulnerable children will return on June 1st. The plan will be then for Y1 to return on Monday 8th June, Y6 to return on Wednesday 10th June and Nursery to return on Monday 15th June.**
- Children that are not well and are showing symptoms of Covid 19 must not attend school and should self isolate for a minimum of 7 days with household members self isolating for 14 days.
- Children that are well but are part of a household that is self isolating must not attend school during that period.
- If a child starts to feel unwell at school and in particular if they are showing Covid19 symptoms they will be isolated from everyone else and we will expect them to be collected immediately.
- All children and school workers can now access testing if they are showing symptoms. If a child is tested for Covid 19 and the test is positive, parents must contact the school immediately as the rest of the child's class group will also have to self isolate. We will liaise with Public Health England if there are any confirmed cases for further guidance and advice.
- Stringent handwashing and hygiene practices ("Catch it, bin it kill it!") will be in place throughout the day. Staff will also regularly clean down surfaces and door handles throughout the day in addition to the daily cleaning provided by our cleaning contractors.
- Although you may choose for your child to wear PPE on the way to school, the DfE are not recommending its use in school by either children or staff unless a member of staff is supervising a child who has been isolated and is waiting to be collected.
- There will be staggered starts, breaktimes, lunchtimes and hometimes throughout the day and parents must not drop off or collect children at times other than those detailed below. Please note, school will be finishing early for all groups on a Friday and all children will be given a grab and go packed lunch unless they normally bring their own lunch.

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- Parents will not be allowed onto the site unless they have made a prior arrangement by telephone. School staff will collect and deliver children to the gate and in order to minimise social contact between adults not from the same household we insist that you follow the timings strictly and that you do not gather and remain by the school entrance at other times. We also ask that only one adult bring your child to school.
- Children will be put into groups by their teachers and they will stay in those groups for lessons, break times, and lunchtimes. The same adults will remain with each group. This arrangement is becoming commonly known as “social bubbles”.
- There will be no more than 14 children in any designated classroom at any time and at least half of the children returning will not be in their usual classrooms or taught by their usual teachers. We understand this may be unsettling for the children at first but they will soon settle into their new routines with our fantastic caring staff looking after them.
- When in the classroom and the lunch hall, furniture will be arranged to that wherever possible there will be a 2 metre distance between children and staff. However we also need to accept that social distancing will not always be possible and for young children in particular it is neither natural nor easy to understand.
- We will control movement around the building so that there is minimal contact between groups and will use external entrances to classrooms wherever possible. The playground will be zoned into different areas and children will be given a specific space to be with their group.
- We will not be offering Breakfast club, After school club or any extra curricular clubs. We will also not be using the external staff who teach music, mandarin, PE and dance until further notice due to not wanting to mix up “social bubbles”
- Although you may have more than one child where one is eligible to return and the others are not we cannot accommodate children from other year groups (2,3,4 or 5) unless we have identified they will benefit from being at school or if you are a key worker and you do not have any other alternative.
- Online learning will continue using Google classroom for Year 2,3,4 and 5. The teachers for YN, YR, Y1 and Y6 will also use Google classroom to accommodate any children that do not return.
- The plan for each class below is subject to change at short notice and we need parents to accept any changes that are made which will always be in the interest of pupil and adult safety and following national guidelines.

Year group	Rooms and play space	Teachers / TAs	Structure of day	Start date
YN	Nursery class room One half of EYFS outside space	Lindsey and Carol	Start: 9.05 Home time: 3:00pm Friday hometime: 12noon	Monday June 15th
YR	YR and Y1 classrooms One half of EYFS playground and play space outside Y1 classroom	Miss Foster and Mrs Rahman in YR Marcia and Sharmin in Y1	Start: 9.15 Home time: 3:10pm Friday hometime: 12.10	Monday June 1st
Y1	Y3 and Y5 classroom Main playground	Miss Castillo and Katrazyna in Y3 classroom Miss Coate and Rita in Y5 classroom	Start: 9.25 Home time: 3:20pm Friday hometime: 12.20	Monday June 8th

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Eligible children from Y2,3,4 and 5	Y2 classroom Main playground	Cassie and Shahina with Miss Wratten/Miss Bridges to support	Start: 8:45 Home time: 3:40pm Friday hometime: dependent on need but no later than 3:40	Monday June 1st
Y6	New building: Computing suite, Art/DT studio and performing arts studio Main playground	Miss McKenzie and Gilly in Art/DT studio room Miss Neal and Kenny in Performing Arts studio Mr Maragh and Christina in computing suite	Start: 8:55 Home time: 3:30pm Friday hometime: 12.30	Wednesday June 10th

Although this letter is extremely clear about our plans and the need to be firm in the way they are carried out, we fully understand that you as parents will have very firm views about your children's safety. We also understand that some of you will not feel reassured by either the government or by what schools put into place. Any parent that decides not to send their child back to school will not be penalised in any way. As all the teachers will be continuing to plan using Google classroom, children will not be totally disadvantaged if they do not attend.

However, we really need you to help us plan for how many actual children will be in school. Please can you follow this link: <https://forms.gle/ejGpsat7AbkvdLWp6> to a very simple survey which should take less than 3 minutes to complete. The link has also been texted to you and can be accessed from our twitter account (@FriarsSE1) and the home page of the school website. **Please can you complete the form by 2pm on Tuesday 19th May.**

Please also understand that a big part of our focus when your children return will be on resocialising them, and providing activities that reflect their need for mental well being.

If you have been receiving Edenred vouchers that will continue if you are eligible and your child is **not** attending school.

On a final note, you will notice that neither Mrs Wignall nor Miss Gethin Jones are included on the above timetable. Mrs Wignall will be going on maternity leave from June 1st and Miss Gethin Jones is also pregnant and will be working from home for the time being. It is fantastic news for both of them and we are so happy for them despite these turbulent times.

Apologies for the length of this letter but there is a lot of information that we have had to share with you. We hope you remain safe and well and look forward to seeing you soon in some form or another.

Kind regards,

J. Burt.

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