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Dear Parents

Reopening plans update

We hope you are all well and adjusting to the gradual changes in society as we come out of lockdown. Thank you to all those parents who responded to our reopening survey this week. Over 60% responded which has really helped with our planning. We have spoken to nearly every other parent and we totally understand that many of you remain unsure about whether to send your children back or not.

There are some changes from the original plan that we have had to make in the light of having more information about pupil numbers, assessing risks and other health and safety considerations and I have highlighted those changes in red. The guidance we laid out in the previous letter still stands. I have added some additional points too.

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 22 nd (not June 15 th)
YR	YR classroom One half of EYFS playground and play space outside Y1 classroom	Miss Foster and Marcia in YR	Start: 9.15 Home time: 3:10pm Friday hometime: 12.10	Monday June 1st
Y1	Y1 and Y2 classroom Main playground	Miss Castillo and Katrazyna in Y1 classroom Miss Coate and Sharmin in Y2 classroom	Start: 9.25 Home time: 3:20pm Friday hometime: 12.20	Monday June 8th
Vulnerable / key worker children	Y3 and Y5 classroom Main playground	Miss Neal and Kenny in Y3 classroom Cassie and Shahina in Y5 classroom	Start: 8:45 Home time: 3:40pm Friday hometime: no later than 12:30	Monday June 1st
Y6	New building: Computing suite and Art/DT studio Main playground	Miss McKenzie and Gilly in Art/DT studio room Mr Maragh and Christina in computing suite	Start: 8:55 Home time: 3:30pm Friday hometime: 12.30	Monday June 15 th (not June 10 th)

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It is important to reiterate the guidance from the previous letter so that all parents are clear on how the school will need to operate so that children, staff, parents and visitors are safe:

- 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 Monday 15th June (not Wednesday 10th as originally planned) and Nursery to return on Monday 22nd June (not Monday 15th as originally planned). However these dates are subject to further change at short notice pending any further Government and/or Southwark announcements.**
- 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 above. Siblings from different classes will arrive and leave together. 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.**
- **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 (**and at the moment the most in any classroom will be 11**) 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.

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- When in the classroom and the lunch hall, furniture is 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.
- 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 extracurricular 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.
- Google classroom will remain in use for all year groups for use at home and at school.

In addition here are some further points we need to make:

- We will provide all children with their own labelled pencil case so they are not sharing classroom equipment.
- Children must not bring **anything** to school with them other than a water bottle and a packed lunch (if you do not want your child to have a school lunch).
- It is with a very heavy heart, given our passion for reading, that we will not be sending reading books home initially. We will of course make sure that we hear children read regularly.
- Children will have lots of opportunity to be outside with extended break times (which of course will be staggered throughout the day) but we will not be teaching PE as normal so there will be no need for children to bring in PE kits
- Any items that are difficult to clean will be removed from classrooms which includes soft toys and dressing up clothes in the Early Years.

As before all of our plans are subject to change at short notice. 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.

However, unless you hear otherwise we look forward to having Reception and key worker/vulnerable groups back on June 1st at the times stated in the above plan. Please note as well that Friars is completely closed over Half term and teachers will not be setting any work on Google classroom.

Kind regards,

J. Burtt.

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