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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from the letter I sent on the 15th May, I am now in a position to begin to share further details of the planned phased reopening of Leamore Primary School. Using the government guidelines, I am happy to share that our risk assessment, which has been approved by our governors, is detailed, robust and well-thought-out to ensure that we are doing all that we can to protect the returning pupils, parents, staff and wider members of the school community. The risk assessment has now been submitted to Walsall Local Authority.

Leamore primary school **will not** be allowed to open until the LA has approved our risk assessment.

Alongside our risk assessment is the government's clarification that they have met the 5 guidelines for opening schools more fully, which is due to happen later today. If these are not, then this will also delay the reopening.

If all of the above goes to plan then we will be allowing a certain number of children (whose parents have requested a place) in **Nursery, Reception, Yr1 & Y6 to return to school from 2nd June 2020**. In addition to this, children who are looked after, vulnerable or children who have key worker parents can also attend school from 2nd June. However, Key worker parents, due to limitations of space, will now be required to show proof of working on the days that they need school provision.

Learning Areas (Bubbles)

The following arrangements have been designed with safety first and foremost in mind for our whole school community. It is essential that you talk to your child about our arrangements to prepare them for the fact that school is going to be a very different place for them when they return and is likely to stay that way for the foreseeable future.

The main aim of our arrangements is to create a small 'bubble' of no more than 15 children. Each bubble will be allocated to a specific classroom and to specific adults to ensure that social distancing is maintained and cross-contamination is avoided. The children will stay in their bubble for the whole day. They will come into direct contact with no other children or adults outside of their bubble until the guidance we are working from alters. We will however endeavour to place your child with children from their friendship groups.



General Entry and Exit Procedures

- 2m lines to be observed
- Children to wait in line with parent and adhere to spacing.
- Parents not to cross the school gate
- Children to enter school one at a time
- Staff will direct children to use the hand sanitizer on entry to the school
- Exit - Parent to wait in line and adhere to spacing.
- Children to be dismissed one at a time

Year group	Arrival Time	Entry Procedures	Home times	Home time procedures
Key worker & Vulnerable Children	8.45am	Gate nearest the mobile (labelled)	Vary depending on need	Gate nearest the mobile (labelled)
Gp 1 - Mrs Williams, Mrs Perrens, Mrs Knox				
Gp 2 - Miss Dudley, Mr Price & Miss Coughlin				
Year 6	8.45am	Gate nearest the allotment (labelled)	3.00pm	Gate nearest the allotment (labelled)
Gp 1 – Mr Dwyer & Miss Moore				
Gp 2 – Miss Clarke & Mrs Lockett				
Gp 3 - Miss Holford & Mrs Wilkins				
Year 1	9.00am	Middle Gate (labelled)	3.15pm	Middle Gate (labelled)
Gp 1 - Mrs McCutcheon & Miss Perry				
Gp 2 – Mr Ellison & Ms Roberts				
Gp 3 Miss Summers & Mrs Brandrick				
Reception AM Miss Cox & Miss Byson	8.50am	Reception entrance gate	11.45	Reception entrance gate
Reception PM Miss Cox & Miss Byson	12.00pm	Reception entrance gate	3.15	Reception entrance gate
Nursery PM Miss Baker, Mrs Stacey	12.30pm	Reception entrance gate staff member to receive child outside reception door. child taken by a 2nd member of staff into Nursery	3.00	Reception entrance gate Nursery children queue in the alley at 15:00 to be dismissed to parents one at a time, standing on two metre lines.

When you bring your children to school please adhere to the staggered times, please don't be early or late, this is to ensure we don't have too many people queuing at any one time.

Staggered Breaks and lunch times

As a school we will be reducing the food preparation/ visitors onto the site during the school day. We will be providing fruit and toast but if you prefer the children can bring their own healthy snack. It is essential that the children provide their own water bottle for break and lunchtime (Please ensure the bottle is washed thoroughly each night at home). One choice of hot meal will be available daily along with a variety of packed lunches. Please order these in advance on parent pay.

Alternatively, you may prefer to send your child with a packed lunch that you have made at home, For those families in receipt of free school meals, the plan will be to continue with the voucher scheme. The children will have their lunch in the classrooms to avoid un-necessary movement around school.

The following measures will also be observed at breaktimes and lunches:

- Children to sanitise hands prior to break time and hands to then be washed when returning to class.
- First aid to be delivered by a first aider from own classroom bubble.
- Classes will have an individual box of outdoor play equipment that is taken in and out at break and lunch time.
- Class bubble has a responsibility to clean equipment.
- CLIMBING FRAMES OR GYM ARE NOT TO BE USED.
- Whilst pupils are outside, One member of staff to stay in and disinfect regularly touched contact points using antibacterial wipes. (No buffing cloths)
- All hard surfaces to be cleaned on a regular basis, this will include all door handles, all tables and chairs used by staff and pupils.
- All toilets will be cleaned at least twice daily.

Social interaction

Whilst we will endeavour to adhere to the rules of social distancing, I am sure you can appreciate this will be a challenge for us and for the youngest children. The classroom / environment to which they will return will, as a result of this safety measure, look a little different. Desks will be separated, play times will be staggered throughout the day so groups do not cross over and there will be limited equipment for them to access. We appreciate this is not what the children will be used to but it is a necessary safety measure in accordance with infection control.

Learning / structure of the day

Learning will predominantly focus on English, Maths, wellbeing and exercise. The children will have regular brain breaks throughout the day and outdoor time. As a preference all children will be expected to wear school uniform, although this will need washing daily so other clothes may have to be worn. The children should not bring book bags or any other items except their lunch into school and this will be stored in individual drawers under their desks to avoid cross-contamination. In the same mindset, they will not be bringing any books / work home. Any work for home will be delivered through online platforms.

Important Information

- In sending your children to school, we will ensure that they are in as safe and happy environment as possible despite the circumstances, but we cannot possibly say that all the risk has been eliminated.
- Please ensure that you are taking your child's temperature daily before school.
- If a pupil at school shows symptoms of Coronavirus, then the advice is the whole class bubble and the staff will have to self-isolate for 14 days, once a positive test is confirmed. Anyone over the age of 5 experiencing a new, continuous cough; high temperature; and now also a loss of or change in your normal sense of smell or taste can book a test by visiting www.nhs.uk/coronavirus
- Please remember, the government guidance relating to **key workers** remains the same.

If you or your partner are able to work from home remotely then your child should remain at home and access the learning provided. It is also important for those households with clinically extremely vulnerable members to ensure that the children do not come to school just yet, until advice/ guidance alters. Work will continue to be provided to support learning at home for these children.

We have provided you with as much information as possible for the moment however we are unable to guarantee the sustainability of this model if advice / guidance changes. We are having to adjust to working in a very different way to which we are used to and we will all have to do our bit to ensure that it works. You will appreciate that as much as we would like to work with families on an individual basis, we are unable to do this at the present time. In order for the school to be operational under the current guidance we have no flexibility in what we can offer.

Please ensure that you adhere to social distancing and other government guidelines to keep all members of our community safe.

Thank you for your continued support
Kind regards

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(Headteacher)

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