



# WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are hoping that you are well and keeping safe. For parents in Nursery /Reception/Year 1, Ark, Study and Year 6, thank you for completing the questionnaire sent to you recently.

Following current guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) and Government, we are planning to re-open school from Wednesday 3rd June. We recognise that from social media and the press, you may be expecting your child/ren to return full time from the 1st June. However, our main focus has to be the safety and well-being of staff, pupils and parents. With this as our key priority, we are planning a phased return to ensure we can welcome children back to school in a safe and sustainable way.

Teachers will be working on 1st-2nd June to further prepare classrooms and plan for school re-opening. Whilst the protection of children and staff is key, I want to reassure you that our school does not look like a sterile and unfamiliar environment. Before children return to school, we aim to send out a video for children and parents, to show how the school environment now looks. For pupils returning to school the primary emphasis will be on well-being and nurture. We are adapting our curriculum to facilitate this.

We recognise that it is important for children to return to a familiar setting and where possible with adults that they know. Children will be taught in their familiar classroom with access to outdoor learning. You may have read from DfE guidance that children should be grouped in 'bubbles' of no more than 15. To ensure this is possible, our initial plan is for children to attend school in bubbles organised according to their current class.

For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, bubbles will be taught in school Monday to Thursday on alternate weeks. Due to the greater number of Nursery children and only 2 familiar class spaces within the Nursery, the rotational model would not support the emotional needs of our youngest children. Nursery children who currently access a 30 hour place will return in the first instance, Monday to Thursday. After the first week of Nursery returning, a risk assessment will take place to assess the feasibility of increasing the number of children who can safely return to Nursery.

On Fridays, we will ensure that the school setting will be deep cleaned and this will also allow staff to have their statutory planning and preparation time (PPA).

We have risk assessed various models. With the current social distancing guidance, if all children within these three year groups returned full time, there would be no additional classrooms and staff for the school to grow in capacity. This is therefore not sustainable. The rationale for the following model will allow us to continually review and increase pupil numbers, as guidance changes. It

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should also be acknowledged that the current DfE guidance recognises that children are unlikely to maintain social distancing at all times.

#### Initial model of school re-opening

Date	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 6
3rd June Wednesday – Thursday		Bubble one		Bubble one
8th June Monday – Thursday	30 hour children	Bubble two	Bubble one	Bubble two
15th June Monday – Thursday	30 hour children	Bubble one	Bubble two	Bubble one

The virtual learning will continue for when the children are not in school. It will also continue for children in Years two, three, four and five.

Start and collection times will be staggered to minimise the number of people on the school site at any one time and to support social distancing. Please note that for the foreseeable future, there will be no breakfast or after school clubs. This is to limit social interaction of pupils outside of their familiar group (bubble).

We will continue to offer key worker provision from Monday to Friday, including breakfast club, for pupils who are eligible for this.

For children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, we will send out comprehensive details by this Wednesday, including your child's start date and time. ARP families will be contacted individually by the ARP staff with proposed details for Ark and Study arrangements for 3rd June onwards.

Please note that any provision may be subject to change following the Government announcement on Thursday 28th May and also in response to any further updated guidance which may be issued by the DfE and/or Government going forwards. We will send a form to you via ParentMail on Friday 29th May so that you can advise us whether you will be sending your child to school.

We fully recognise that you as parents have difficult decisions to make in terms of your child's return to school. We will forward details of the school's safety and control measures that we are putting in place, using the latest DfE and Government guidance to help you make an informed decision for what you believe is best for your family.

The latest DfE guidance states that parents will not be sanctioned for non-attendance at this time.

I would like to thank you for your continued support, during this difficult time. I hope you are having an enjoyable half term break.

With kindest regards

Jill