

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Keyworkers or Parents of a vulnerable student**

We have sent this letter to notify you of a key change we are making to the timings of the school day from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. School will begin at 8:45am and finish at 2pm, and the bus companies currently transporting students have agreed to accommodate the new timings.

The reason for the change is that we will be reintroducing Year 6 into the school from the 1<sup>st</sup> June, and to be as safe as possible, we will follow the new Government guidelines that states 'no child should mix with any other than the 15 children designated as their class'.

This requires 'one to 15' teacher supervision from the entrance to school to the exit. Due to the lowering of class sizes and the increase number of classes needing supervision, we are unable to provide relief for teachers. Therefore, we are reducing breaks and lunch times and request that students are picked up at 2pm. This will require teachers to supervise for five hours each day and not seven hours.

The other changes that will impact on your child, will be the significant and stringent implementation of the 15 in a class rule. Students will work in their keyworker groups and play in a designated play space, under strict supervision. Students will continue to be able to wear non-school uniform.

Please be aware that if you are a parent of a Year 6 child, you now have a decision to make about whether you wish to return your child to their class for learning, or to stay with their current keyworker group. If your child returns to their Year 6 class they will not be able to attend the Friday sessions, as they will now be within a new group of 15 Year 6 students, rather than their previous keyworker group. Please notify school admin of your decision asap so we can make the necessary arrangements.

## **Is a Half Term Enrichment Programme running?**

An enrichment programme is in place for the very small number of students who will be attending next week. School will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday, but from Tuesday to Friday we will open from 8:40am to 3:15pm. Students will enter and exit via the main school entrance. Please make sure your child brings a packed lunch and a snack for each day as no school meals will be available

## **How have the students been doing?**

I would like to take the time to praise your children for coming into school and working hard as they are all making progress. They have been a delight to teach and they are showing the same courage as their in the face of these difficult times. We hope we have managed to provide them a safe space, where they can learn and have fun. Please note: mobile phones will continue to be accepted in school.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

**Yours sincerely**

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