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At Rokesly...

Our community is warm and welcoming

Learning is fun and fascinating

We celebrate the things that make us special

We challenge ourselves to go further

♥We are in this together – even when we are all apart♥

Tuesday 9th June 2020

Dear Parent / Carers

I hope you and your families are all well and healthy.

This week, we have started the process of welcoming more children back to Rokesly. It has been a time of great preparation and trepidation for staff, but the children have been fantastic and have got used to the changes in the school environment and daily routines amazingly quickly. It has been hugely rewarding for us to see the children so happy to be back in school, and for the corridors to be echoing with voices again at last!



Welcoming Year 1 children 22nd June 2020-10th July 2020

Following our review of the wider opening of school to our Reception children, we plan to welcome all of our Year 1 children back into school from **Monday 22nd June**. In the current climate, our plans remain conditional and may be subject to change at short notice.

When they return, **Year 1** children will be taught in pods of a maximum of 15 children. Just like with our Reception children, we feel that it is important that your child is taught by familiar staff in a familiar environment. To enable this, classes are split into two pods and will attend school for two days each week. Pods will be organised by class teachers. Parents will be notified in advance which pod your child will be in. Friendship groups will be considered as these groups are put together.

The plan for all primary school years in England to go back to school before the end of term has now been dropped by the government. We still plan to allow some transition time towards the end of term for our Year 2 children and those Nursery children who will be joining Rokesly Infants in September 2020.

We are now asking all **Year 1 parents** to complete a survey to assist with this process: See the link at the end of this letter.

Pods	Orange A Mon-Tues	Rainbow A Mon-Tues	Green A Mon-Tues	Orange B Thur-Fri	Rainbow B Thur-Fri	Green B Thur-Fri
Entry Y2 gate	9am	9.15am	9.30am	9am	9.15am	9.30am
School day	9 – 2.45	9.15 - 3	9.30 - 3.15	9 – 2.45	9.15 - 3	9.30 - 3.15
Break am	Y1 pground	Y2 pground	The Field	Y1 pground	Y2 pground	The Field
Lunch time 12-1pm	Outdoor area or Class					
Break pm	Y1 pground	Y2 pground	The Field	Y1 pground	Y2 pground	The Field
Exit Y2 gate	2.45pm	3pm	3.15pm	2.45pm	3pm	3.15pm

Key worker and vulnerable children

Key worker and vulnerable children in all year groups will continue to be able to access childcare in school on a daily basis (Monday – Friday). From Monday 22nd June, if these children are in **Year 1**, parents have the option of either joining Year 1 provision that we will be offering for 2 days a week or remain in the key worker and vulnerable group provision, which will continue to operate in the nursery building for 5 days a week. This is due to risk of cross-contamination should these different groups come into contact with each other.

Expectations for Children and Parents/carers

School will be different to how it normally is although we will obviously do our best to keep the routines as normal as possible for the children. We would like you to support us and also help to prepare your child for their return to school by talking about some of the changes together:

- Staggered drop off and pick up times – as above. Children must be collected promptly at the times given.
- Only one adult per household should drop their child off at school to limit contact
- Children will be met at the gate by staff, sanitise hands at hygiene station and line up on marks in the playground
- Parents/carers will not come onto the school site and are asked to leave swiftly to avoid groups gathering
- Parents/carers may not enter the premises other than in an emergency situation e.g. if child has accident
- Children must bring a labelled packed lunch, piece of fruit for break time and water bottle each day
- Children should not bring anything else into school. All resources the children need will be kept in their pods.
- Children will be read with at school. Reading books will not be sent home.
- Each pod will be isolated from all other pods during the day.
- Please check daily that your child is fit and well to attend school.
- If your child or any member of the pod displays Co-vid related symptoms, all pod members including staff will be required to self-isolate for 14 days, in line with government guidance. This may change as more testing becomes available
- You must contact school if your child or member of the household tests positive for Covid-19
- PPE is available for any staff administering first aid or intimate care
- Classrooms will be arranged so there is maximum space for the children, removing all unnecessary equipment and resources
- Children will not be allowed to use any climbing apparatus until further notice – these will be taped off
- Regular handwashing will take place throughout the day.
- Regular cleaning will take place throughout the day.
- Please ensure that your school contact details are up to date

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a priority and during this time we will continue to follow safeguarding procedures as outlined in our school's safeguarding policy. Should you have any concerns about a child, you should contact one of our school's designated safeguarding leads via telephone or by emailing the school office

We know that our children and their families will have had very different experiences during lockdown. A few of our children have been in school for the last couple of months, and for them school will have been a very different place. The majority of our children will have been at home and each of them will have had their own experiences. It will take time for them to re-establish and re-learn the expectations of school life, behaviour and learning.

I know that many parents will have anxieties about sending their children back into school and for some of you it may not be an option if a family member suffers from a pre-existing medical condition which makes them vulnerable. The government have made it very clear that **parents will not be penalised** if they choose to keep educating their children at home.

To assist us with giving your child the support they may need, we are asking all **Year 1 parents** to provide some information via the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z6D6RTY>

Please complete the survey by Sunday 14th June. Thank you

Best wishes

Grant Bright
Head teacher