

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents

Firstly, I would like to start by thanking you for your patience over the past week in waiting for further information regarding our Year 6 plans for the re-opening of Year 6 on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

We are extremely fortunate to have a lot of outdoor space at Pilton Bluecoat Academy and along with this the layout of the school building provides us with plenty of options for entry and exit strategies from each year block. As it stands at the moment we are going to use our Upper School team to support our Year 6 children along with one or two other members of staff from the lower school.

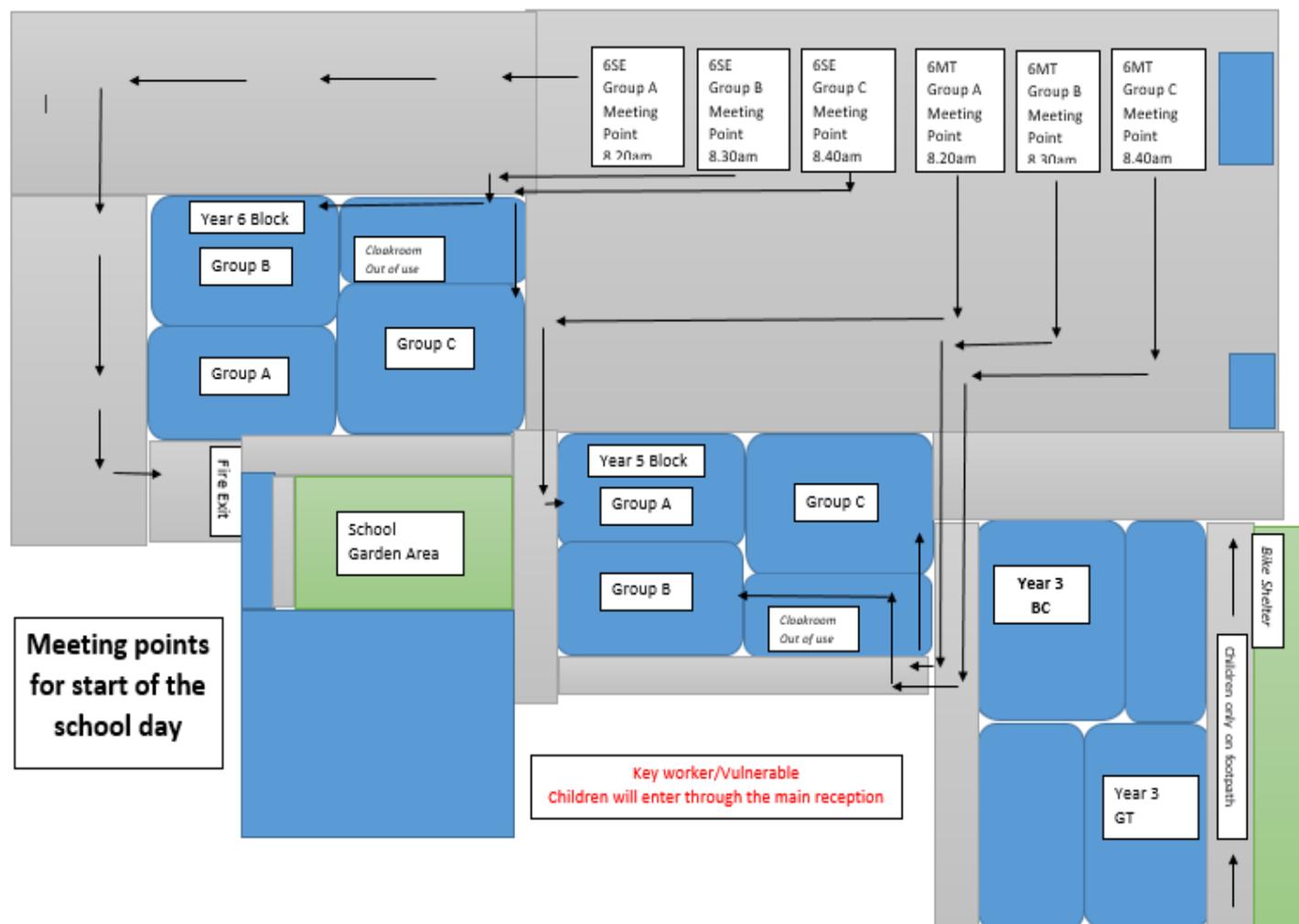
Mr Turner's class will be based in the Year 5 block and Miss Edward's class will be using the Year 6 block.

Each class will be organised into groups of ten which is smaller than the government recommendation of 15. The children will work in the same group with the same member of staff throughout the week in order to reduce the risk of infection. When in class the children will use their named stationary boxes and books. Items from home will not be allowed in and reading books will not be able to be taken home.

It is really important that the school day starts and finishes well. In order to minimise the risk for our children, parents and staff we are going to stagger the start and finish of the day along with break and lunchtimes.

	Group A	Group B	Group C
Start of day	8.20am	8.30am	8.40am
Break	10.30 – 10.45am	10.45-11.00am	11.00-11.155am
Lunch	12.10-1.10pm	12.25-1.25pm	12.40-1.40pm
End of day	3.10pm	3.20pm	3.30pm





When the children arrive in school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June they will be asked to walk up the path, past the bike shelter and onto the playground where they will be directed to the area where their group will meet each day. The Year 6 teaching team will supervise their entry onto the playground. If you are bringing your child to school please ensure that you:

- Do not congregate at the entrance on the road by the path which leads up to the bike shelter.
- Do not walk up the path with them towards the bike shelter.
- Do not go to the gate at Priory Gardens. This will remain locked to reduce the flow of adults and children.
- Please ensure your child arrives in school on time.



- If you are collecting your child at the end of the day please do not make your way up the path and onto the school playground. We would very much appreciate it if you could agree on a place to meet along Abbey Road with social distancing measures in mind.
- If you are bringing/collecting your child from school, one adult per child will help to ensure we reduce congestion and respect social distancing guidelines.

### **Curriculum**

Our teachers over the past few weeks have been outstanding in organising home learning activities for the children. Our aim is to continue to offer high-quality home learning provision and the plan is for the children to be provided with the same curriculum whether they are in or out of school. The focus of the work for the children during the first week back will be on:

- Establishing the new systems and rules inline with our risk assessment
- Engaging in PSHE activities linked to their time away from school.
- Engaging with transition activities.
- Outdoor learning and getting physically fit.
- Supporting children who need support with home learning activities they may have struggled or fallen behind with.

With transition in mind, I have this week been talking with Mrs Druce and Mr Hunt about the children's transition to Pilton Community College and we are at present planning some additional activities to support the children with their move.

### **Lunchtimes**

We are aiming to set lunchtimes up in a similar way as we do now. If your child brings a packed lunch to school they will eat it in their designated classroom and at their individual desk allocated by their teacher. If the weather is nice then we will of course use the outdoor space. We have created specific zones for each group to ensure we are correctly social distancing the children. School dinners will be on offer but the menu will be limited.



## Next Week

In order to ensure we effectively deploy our staff, we will send you a message on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May** via ParentPay so we can gain final numbers of Year 6 pupils who will **definitely** be in school for the first week back. The deadline for the confirmation of your decision will be the next day, **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**. Once we know which children will be returning we will sort out them out into groups and notify you on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**. This will then mean you will know the time your child needs to come to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

We have spent a lot of time working on our risk assessment and thinking through how we can ensure we do our very best to keep our children and staff as safe as possible. You will find a copy of our risk assessment on the school website under Returning to School June 2020.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01271 345952, via email [admin@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk) or via your child's Google Classroom. After all this hard work we could of course be in a position next week where we are facing further governmental changes. Please be assured that if this is the case we will be sure to let you know.

Many thanks for your continued support, patience and encouragement,

Best wishes

Mr Thomas