



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Due to an increase in demand for school places for our Preschool, Reception and Year 1 children, from Monday 15th June we will be opening up a third Bubble. We will be restructuring the Bubbles slightly to accommodate the new children who will be attending school.

We will now have 3 Bubbles. A Lower School Bubble, A Middle School Bubble and an Upper School Bubble.

- Lower School Bubble - Preschool, Reception and Year 1 and located in **Class 1**.
- Middle School Bubble - Years, 2,3,4 (Key Worker and Vulnerable Children only) and located in **Class 2**.
- Upper School Bubble - Years 5 and 6 and located in **Class 4**.

As before, you may not see your own Class Teacher or Preschool Adult every day or even every week because Teaching Staff will be working on a rota based system and also some members of staff are unable to return to school just yet. Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Preschool Staff will continue to support those children who are still learning from home, as well as those children who are coming in to school.

We will continue to follow the advice we have been given from the Department for Education which is that children will spend the day in small groups - a 'bubble' of no more than 15 children and will stay with the same adults all day, and in fact all week. Within this Bubble, the guidance suggests, children do not have to maintain a 2m social distance from each other, or the adults, but that it should be encouraged. Therefore, we will encourage social distancing, by spacing out tables, for example. The guidance suggests that maintaining regular handwashing, cleaning frequently touched surfaces and ensuring good respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it) are stringent enough measures to prevent the spread of the virus within the Bubble. Where possible, we will try and maintain some distance between children within the Bubble. The two Bubbles will not mix at any time during the school day.

Children, or any members of children's families, who display symptoms of Coronavirus should not come to school at all and should isolate for 14 days. Everyone is also now eligible for Covid-19 test if they are displaying symptoms.

In order to ensure social distancing when arriving to drop off or collect children, we will be using the following procedures:



- 2m distances marked along the school path and the pavement outside. **We are asking that parents maintain these 2m gaps at all times whilst waiting to drop off or pick up children.**
- Only 1 parent/carer should bring and collect their child/children.
- After dropping off or collecting children, parents and carers to exit the school via the big double gate. **We ask that you do not convene at the school gates as this may impact social distancing.**

Apple Tree gate, the Preschool gate and the Football Field gate are not to be used as access points and will be locked.

- Children being dropped off or collected from the Lower School Bubble (now located in Class 1) should follow the **white** arrows, around past the kitchen and then line up outside Class 1 building.
- After parents and carers have dropped off at the Lower School Bubble, please follow the yellow arrows and exit via the playground gate.

We ask that parents do not enter the school building during drop off or collection points to ensure minimal contact with school staff. **All children will need to be able to come in to school independently.**

We will be staggering the arrival and pick up times for all children.

- Children in the Upper School Bubble are to arrive at 8:45
- Children in the Middle School Bubble are to arrive at 9:00
- Children in the Lower School Bubble are to arrive at 9:15.
- Families with children in more than one class are to arrive at 9:15.

At the end of the day:

- Lower School Bubble children are to be picked up at 3:00
- Middle School Bubble children are to be picked up at 3:15.
- Upper School Bubble children are to be picked up at 3:30.
- Families with children in more than one class to be picked up at 3:00.

We will also be staggering break and lunch times to ensure that the Bubbles do not mix.

If your child is moving classes or attending school for the first time, I would encourage you to talk to your child/children about how different school will look to minimise the impact when returning to school. We will be preparing the Class 1 Bubble over the course of this week and we will send you photos by Friday pm to share with your child/children.

Whether or not you answered yes or no to our original questionnaire about sending your child back to school, you are entitled to change your mind. We do ask that if you decide to send your child back to school at a later stage that you give us a **full week's notice** so that we can prepare for any changes to ratios of staff that this might cause.

If you have any questions about returning to school, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind Regards,
Miss Ratcliffe

