



19th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and beginning to find small ways to return to some aspects of normality!

Over the last few weeks, school has been a very busy yet calm place as we have welcomed back children from preschool, nursery, year 1 and year 6. In addition to this, numbers in our key worker bubbles have increased and we are very much looking forward to welcoming year 5 children from the 1st July. There are now between 100-110 children in school each day and it feels alive, there is the usual purposeful buzz of learning and play but most importantly, it feels safe.

During this really challenging time, I have tried to keep our school community informed at each step of the journey and this letter gives you details of the 'road map' which will take us to the end of the summer term and the possibilities that we are looking at for provision beyond that.

We now have every member of staff able to work back in school and within the last week, it has become necessary to further divide our key worker bubbles due to increased numbers. There is limited capacity to take in more children to these bubbles and so if you need this service, please get in touch. Here are the details of the current provision:

Cherry Bubble	Jenny Carr and Claire Wallwork	9.00 - 11.30
Apple Bubble	Miss Freeman and Kerry Wallace	9.00 - 2.45
Bubble 1: Early Years Key Workers	Mrs Horne-Smith and Joe Dickinson	Flexible provision with wrap around Tic Toc hours
Bubble 2: Key Stage 1 Key Workers	Mrs S Young and Amy Lunn	Flexible provision with wrap around Tic Toc hours

Bubble 3: Year 3 Key Workers	Mrs M Smith and Liz Tears	Flexible provision with wrap around Tic Toc hours
Bubble 4: Year 4 Key Workers	Mr Johnson and Mrs Pickard	Flexible provision with wrap around Tic Toc hours
Bubble 5: Years 5 and 6 Key Workers	Miss Back	Flexible provision with wrap around Tic Toc hours
Bubble 6: Reception	Mrs Grimes and Mrs Hammond	8.45 - 2.15
Bubble 7: Year 1	Miss Langman and Mrs Crowe	8.45 - 2.15
Bubble 8: Year 6	Mrs Murdy and Mrs Baxter	8:30 - 2:00
Bubble 9: Year 6	Mr Rose and Mrs A Smith	8:40 - 2:10
Bubble 10: Year 6	Miss Moffet and Mrs Sapor	8:35 - 2:05
Bubble 11: Year 5	Mr Warburton	From 1st July
Bubble 12: Year 5	Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Olivier	From 1st July

I remain very aware that some children have not had an invitation to return to school and so in addition to working with children in school, staff will continue with home-learning blogs for all year groups as follows:

Cherry Class	Miss Claire Hornsby
Nursery and Reception	Miss Whitlow
Year 1	Mrs S Young
Year 2	Mr Johnson
Year 3 (Willow)	Mrs Smith
Year 3 / 4 (Chestnut and Maple)	Mr Warburton
Years 5 and 6	Mrs O'Connell

Staff will endeavour to keep blogs accessible, stimulating and following our school curriculum. I do, however, request your understanding that teaching staff have a demanding workload and I must ensure that they are able to maintain a healthy work-life balance. To achieve this, please send questions, queries and any work to your child's **class teacher** rather than the member of staff who is writing the blog. In addition, please understand that any response or feedback may not be immediate and may not be in the detail that it has been previously. I have been so grateful for the appreciation that you have shown to all staff throughout this difficult time and I know that you will continue to do so in the coming weeks.

Tic Toc is a vital school service for many of our families and it has been invaluable to our key workers over the past few months. During this time, we have not charged parents for using extended hours and we have done this willingly and without question. As we approach the summer holiday, we are looking at ways to ensure that Tic Toc remains available for those who need it. To ensure that this is the case, we will begin charging at the usual rates for morning and after school wrap around care from Monday 22nd June. Staff and school governors are working closely to map the provision that will be on offer over the summer. We will be in touch soon with more specific details of this.

And so we turn our attention to the new school year in September. I would like to be able to tell you that I know what this will look like but I'm afraid I don't. As a headteacher, I hear the latest announcements at the same time as everyone else. However, be assured that if at all possible, we will be inviting all children to return to school in whatever way we can. This may involve part-time schooling if rules regarding social distancing remain.

I can assure you that class organisation for the next academic year has been done. Wherever possible we have tried to keep change to a minimum. For example current reception and year 1 classes will simply move on to their next teacher together and in upper key stage 2 some children will be staying with the same teacher. As always, we remain an ever popular school and over the last few weeks we have had many enquiries for places in September. Therefore, class numbers are not finalised but I would like to share the class structure with you. When we have sufficient information, we will be back in touch with further details for September and to let you know which class your child will be in.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Composition</b>
Apple	Miss Freeman	N2

Pear	Mrs Horne Smith / Miss Whitlow	Reception
Plum	Mrs Grimes	Reception
Ash	Miss Langman	Year 1
Beech	Mrs Young	Year 1 and 2
Oak	Mr Johnson	Year 2
Willow	Mrs M Smith	Year 3
Chestnut	Miss Moffet	Year 3 and 4
Maple	Mr Rose and Mrs A Smith	Year 4
Sycamore	Mr Warburton	Year 5
Larch	Mrs Murdy	Year 5 and 6
Rowan	Miss Back	Year 5 and 6

I appreciate that this is a lot of information but as always I want to keep you in the loop. Thank you for all your support and understanding during what can only be described as a challenging time for everyone. Please get in touch if you need further information.

With best wishes,

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