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Dear Parent/Carer,

Wider Opening of Schools – CGPS Detailed Information for Parents

Following on from the information shared last week regarding the wider opening of our school, I would like to provide you with further details about the provision we will be offering and the measures that will be taken to help keep all children and staff safe.

As of Tuesday 2nd June, we will be opening our doors to an increased number of critical worker families, vulnerable children and those with EHCPs alongside children from Year 1 only.

Remember: No-one should attend school if they have symptoms or have spent time with anyone with symptoms or who has tested positive until they have self-isolated for a fortnight.

As I'm sure you'll understand, school is looking very different to the environment we are all used to and routines will be unusual. Some of the main differences to note are as follows:

- Children will work and remain in small groups (bubbles) allocated to set staff in a set room. Bubbles clearly cannot all be in the children's usual classroom or with their usual staff and some will be mixed-age. We will try our best to make sure they have someone they know with them in their bubble.
- Each bubble will take lunch in their set room. We will be offering school packed lunches or children can bring their own packed lunch in a disposable bag or plastic lunchbox (not fabric).
- Children will remain with their bubble in a set space outside for playtime to avoid bubbles mixing with one another.
- Please do not bring personal belongings to school other than a packed lunch, sun cream, hat, coat/jumper if necessary. Water bottles will be provided by school for each child. Bottles will remain in school and be sanitised at the end of each day.
- The start and end times of school will be staggered to manage the number of people on the school site and to enable social distancing.
- Each bubble will be given a designated drop-off point and 10 minute slot to arrive and depart. We need families to work with us and be prompt in arrival/departure so that we can all stay safe.
- Bubble rooms have minimal furniture in them and seating is spaced at least 2m apart.
- Each bubble will have 4 main sessions a day with time outside as much as possible. Sessions will be similar to those provided as home learning via Google

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Classroom/Tapestry plus Social and Emotional sessions, non-contact games and time in the allotment/Forest School.

- Google Classroom/Tapestry will continue to be available for those who continue to learn from home.
- School remains open throughout the week for those in critical worker and vulnerable groups.
- **School will be closed on a Wednesday afternoon to Y1 pupils** attending in bubbles to give time for a mid-week intensive clean throughout school.

Whilst in school, children will be expected to follow social distancing guidelines as much as possible and staff will support them in doing so. Although we understand that this will be difficult for some children, we have to do our best as adults (from home and school) to promote social distancing as it is the best way to minimise the risk of spreading coronavirus. We understand that children (and adults) may sometimes forget and we therefore cannot guarantee that your child will not come within 2m of anybody else.

As well as social distancing, there will be frequent opportunities for handwashing throughout the day and children will be reminded about behaviours which promote good hygiene also. An increased cleaning regime will also operate throughout school in order to minimise the risk of contamination.

Here is a picture of a typical classroom prepared for the wider opening of school:



I have attached some key documents for your information which I hope will give you a detailed insight into life in school from 2nd June. They are as follows:

- Risk Assessment – this document details the risks we've identified in school and how we will all work together to minimise them. This is endorsed by the Local Authority and our governing body.
- Home-School Agreement – in here you will find a list of responsibilities for adults in school, parents/carers at home and children too. **By sending your child/ren to**

school you are agreeing that you and your child/ren will follow these expectations in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

- Back to School Advice from Sustrans – information regarding travelling to and from school in-line with government guidelines.
- A Behaviour Policy Addendum – our school behaviour policy has been reviewed in-line with current guidelines and this document details our main expectations and how behaviour will be managed in school during this unusual time.
- A Social Story called ‘Back to School’ – a child-friendly resource which will help parents/carers to explain to younger children what they can expect in school in the coming weeks.

It is our intention to help you make a fully-informed decision about whether your child returns to school or not. I completely understand that some families will be reassured by the level of detail in the guidance and want to send their child to school but I also recognise that there will be parents who do not want their child to return to school. As I mentioned in my last letter, attendance will not be monitored in the same way as it has been in the past.

A member of school staff will contact all Year 1 parents directly on the morning of Monday 1st June to answer any questions and to confirm if your child will be attending school.

If you choose to send your child to school, later in the day on Monday 1st June we will email you with practical details such as where to pick-up/drop-off your child; the start and end times of their day; which room they will be in; and which adults they will be with.

If you choose not to send your child to school, please be aware that our capacity is limited (due to room sizes and staffing) and although we will try our best, we might not be able to accommodate your child at a later date should you change your mind.

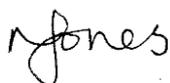
Key worker families and those of vulnerable children should have already been notified of arrangements via a phone call earlier today. If we haven’t spoken to you, please call school on Monday 1st June.

This ‘new normal’ in school will be reviewed towards the end of next week and further information regarding our plans for other year groups returning will be shared as soon as possible.

As always, if you have any questions or queries regarding any aspect of school, please do not hesitate in contacting us on 01904 555105 or emailing myself directly at: n.jones@cliftongreenprimary.co.uk. Our Chair of Governors, John Kesterton, is also happy to respond to your enquiries (j.kesterton@cliftongreenprimary.co.uk).

Thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding in what is a very challenging time for all us.

Best wishes,



Nicola Jones (Acting Headteacher)



John Kesterton (Chair of Governors)