Dear Parent/Carer,

Wider Opening…

We wrote to you before half term about the Government's request for schools to open more widely to those pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

Following a full risk assessment, the school is now able to set out the arrangements we have made to open Hambrough Primary School to these wider year groups.

We are pleased to be able off a wider provision for Year 6 pupils from Monday 15th June.

We then plan to welcome back Year 1 pupils from Monday 22nd June.

We will then consider whether the school is in a position to be able to open more widely to Reception and Nursery children as requested by the Government. This will be dependent on an updated staffing review.

In the meantime children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will remain at home and continue to access online learning through dBPrimary, Active Learn and Mathletics. The government is keeping access to these pupils under review.

Thank you…

Before I set out these arrangements, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their understanding and cooperation. I know that this period has been challenging for many families, in particular when you have had to juggle work commitments with managing childcare, if you have children with special educational needs or disability, or if you are a single parent.

Who can attend…?

As you are aware, we have remained open throughout for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children and have been operating with smaller group sizes and additional hygiene and infection control measures.

The government is now encouraging all these eligible children to attend and it is no longer necessary for parents of eligible children to keep them at home if they can. Please do contact us if you fall into one of these groups and would like your child to take up their place. Key worker places are available to all year groups.

For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus is a mild illness. Some categories of children with specific serious health conditions should not attend school. If you are unsure whether your child should attend due to a health condition that they or someone they live with has, please contact us so we can discuss the details with you.

Protective measures we are taking in light of coronavirus (COVID-19)

First and foremost, it goes without saying that the safety of your child and of our staff is our top priority. We are working hard, following the latest government guidance, to develop and implement a number of new ways of operating. This will allow us to open as safely as possible, focusing on measures that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our school.
Steps in place:

- Children displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who live with someone who does, should not attend school. That includes children and staff who work here.
- Signage and markings about social distancing are displayed in and around school
- Regular and thorough hand washing
- Hand sanitiser where handwashing is unavailable
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff use when working with vulnerable children or children who become unwell whilst at school
- Ample ventilation to classrooms and shared spaces
- Removal of resources which are not easily washable or wipeable
- Thorough and frequent cleaning of touched surfaces, equipment, door handles and toilets
- Small groups (pods – max 15) with as much consistent staffing as possible – this may not be their usual teacher
- Minimal contact with other pods
- Pods assigned to a class base – this may not be their usual room
- Staggered lunchtime and playtimes with no contact between other pods
- Zoned playground areas
- Adapted curriculum focusing on PSHE, English, Maths and outdoor learning
- Good respiratory hygiene, promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach with a good supply of tissues and bins throughout school.
- Enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including table tops, door handles and play equipment.
- Parents and carers to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children and to limit drop off and collection to one parent or carer per household.
- Staggered drop of between 8.55am and 9.15am
- Staggered pick up between 3.10pm and 3.30pm
- Designated drop off and pick up gates
- No parents on site unless by invitation
- Children to wear uniform (summer version) or PE kit (black shorts and white T-shirt)
- No bags, pencil cases, PE kits, book bags etc to be brought into school

What will my child do at lunchtime?
Chartwells will provide a varied menu of healthy hot and cold options available to order as usual online. Those children in receipt of free school meals (FSM) will continue to receive their school lunch. The new menu will be available on the school website. All food will be served in individual bags “takeaway” style in disposable cartons to increase infection control. Y6 children will eat in their pod classroom and Y1 in the Hall, before playing outside. Lunchtime will be shorter at 45mins but they will have an afternoon playtime of 15mins added to their timetable.

What can parents and carers do to help?
There are a number of things parents and carers can do to help us make these arrangements effective, in addition to the points listed above concerning arrival and departure:
1. If your child, or someone in your household has coronavirus symptoms they should not come to school and you should inform us by email or telephone
2. If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school, you will be contacted immediately to collect your child.
3. Talk to your child and reassure them about their return to school discussing the changes they can expect to see which are listed above.
4. Inform school if your family has experienced financial hardship, bereavement during this period of school closure
5. Watch the school’s video which shows what will be expected on arrival and throughout the day – Coming soon!

Testing
All children who are attending school will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

The aim is to enable children to get back to school, and their parents or carers not to need to self-isolate any longer than is necessary, if the test proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect other children and staff at Hambrough.

We ask all parents and carers to ensure they organise a test for their child, in the event that they develop coronavirus symptoms, and notify us immediately of a positive test. Further guidance is available about getting tested.

Do I need to send my child?
Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time.

How should I get to school?
We encourage you to walk, cycle or scoot to school as usual and avoid public transport at peak times. However, there will be no provision for parking bikes or scooters on the premises. These will need to be taken home by parents / carers.

Conclusion
I hope that this letter has given you the information you need to understand what arrangements we have made to enable children to return to us from either Monday 15th June if in Y6 or Monday 22nd June if in Y1.

We have spoken to all parents this week in Y1 and Y6 about their intention to return their child to school. You will need to confirm your intention by Wednesday 10th June at the latest if not already done so. Please email admin@hambrough.ealing.sch.uk

If your child is in Reception or in Nursery we will be contacting you in the coming weeks to discuss your intention. Priority will be given to those children in Nursery due to transfer to Reception in September.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back on their allocated start date and I hope that you are assured that we have taken all possible steps to reduce the risk of infection spread. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

Stay safe

Yours faithfully

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Chair of Governors