



Learning for Life

Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

As you have heard recently, the government is providing guidance to phase the opening of schools as of the Monday 1st June 2020 (after half term). We are currently working on a risk assessment and plan for phase reopening.

We have been working hard to plan what this may look like to keep your children and the staff safe. We will be trying hard to ensure social distancing is kept, however, we cannot guarantee this as children (particularly 5-6-year old's) will find not playing games and being 2 meters apart difficult.

As we have had in place since the beginning of lockdown, we will continue to have a closed site. Therefore, there will be no visitors/parents on site except for an in/out system in Key Stage 1. We are asking parents to drop and go to reduce contact with members of staff and children. More details will follow regarding this. All communication will be through the class teacher email or office email. This has worked well since lock down and we would like to continue this.

Provided the 5 tests the government have been set are met we would commence Monday 1st June 2020 with Year 1, Year 6 and the critical worker group that we already have in place. Each class will be broken into two bubble groups of 15.

With consideration to our site and safety we propose a bubble group of 15 children from a class will come to school Monday and Tuesday. Their classroom will be deep cleaned on Wednesday and the second bubble group will come in Thursday and Friday. Online learning will be provided for those at home on non-school days and on Wednesdays.

Bubble groups, of 15 children, will always work as a group with the same staff, have breaks and lunch together and never mix with other bubble groups. They will remove their coats before entering and wash hands regularly, during the day. We will be having strict rules in place regarding one person at a time washing their hands, one-way systems, social distancing markers around the school to help children understand the distances.

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Before lockdown, we had a staggered start and therefore would like this to continue to reduce people congregating. Children will have staggered break and lunchtimes in their bubble group. We are looking at how we can provide school dinners safely.

If this goes well, in the second week (8th June), we would introduce reception children. Reception will be split into 5 groups of 6. Each day, a group will come to school and be in their bubble. Therefore, each group will have one day in school and 4 days of online learning. This we feel fits best for children who are 4 and 5 years of age.

The government are planning for other classes to return when the scientists say it is safe, if that happens the other classrooms would have other classes in them, which is why we are offering 2 days with your teacher and 3 days online learning. We would endeavour that families would eventually all have the same days.

We would only commence this if the government can assure us it is safe to do so, and the 5 tests have been met. All critical workers who have no other childcare, would still be able to leave their children with us in Year 3, as they have been doing for the last 7 weeks.

I would like everyone (not just those in Year 1 and 6) to complete the simple survey via Parentmail by 12 noon on Tuesday 19th May 2020. We would then factor in your responses and more details would be sent once plans are finalised.

Despite all these measures, due to following the latest Government guidance we cannot guarantee that school will definitely open on 1 June 2020 at this stage.

Kind Regards

Sue Spearman
Headteacher