

## **Frequently Asked Questions by Parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 Pupils Updated 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2020**

### **1. Does my child need a PE kit in school?**

We would like all children to bring their PE kit into school each day so that we can spend as much time as possible outside. Also, please ensure that children have sun hats and either have sun tan lotion applied before school or a bottle in their bag which they can apply themselves.

### **2. Will my child be able to have a school dinner?**

Yes there will be school dinners available. We are anticipated that it will be one option plus a jacket potato. Once we have confirmed the options with Edwards and Blake we will send these out.

### **3. I am a key worker, will I still be able to use Blue Tree before and after school?**

Unfortunately, due to the increase in numbers and the need to keep children in social bubbles, Blue Tree, plus any after school clubs will not be available to anyone. Whilst we appreciate the inconvenience of this, it is our main priority to keep all children safe.

### **4. I have changed my mind and would now like to send my child back, can I do this?**

If you have decided that you would now like your child to return, please do not send them into school – you must contact the office first. They will advise you if and when your child/ren can return. If you had already decided to send your child back to school, you will have already received an email telling you which class they will be in.

## **Updated 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2020**

### **1 Is it possible for my child to return on a part –time basis?**

At this moment in time yes it is. We will consider part-time, phased returns for pupils. Please request this when informing the school office that you would like your child to return on June the 1<sup>st</sup>. Please keep in mind this might not always be possible, but we will do what we can to support you.

## **FAQ's 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2020**

### **1. Will Year 6 be taught transition work for their secondary school?**

Yes, that is our intention. School leaders are liaising with those at Sir Harry Smith Community College and other secondary schools, so that we may provide Year 6 with a highly relevant and suitably challenging curriculum.

### **2. Will children taught their usual lessons?**

Yes, Year 6 will be engaging in transition work for secondary school and pupils in Reception and Year 1 will be taught the usual full curriculum.

**3. Will pupils be taught by their usual teachers or will the need for smaller groups mean that they may work with different staff to what they are used to?**

It is our firm intention that our pupils will be taught by a familiar member of staff. The need for smaller groups or 'bubbles' (as the government likes to call them) does mean that it might not be their class teacher, but this depends entirely on how many children return to school on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Final planning decisions will be shared with parents before pupils return to school. Parents will know who will be teaching their children.

**4. Will there be staggered drop-offs and pick-ups?**

Possibly, this will depend on the number of pupils returning to school. Fortunately, the school has more than one entrance which will reduce the need for this. A senior member of staff will be on duty to encourage and remind pupils and parents to maintain social distancing. Parents will know where and when to drop-off and pick-up before June the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**5. As a parent, I do have a concern over sending my child in to Reception as I know what little children are like!**

So do we, and we know that the youngest children will need to be in smaller groups than 15 (government recommendation); we are aiming for groups between 8 and 10 pupils with two adults. We will also be highly selective about what equipment and resources the children have access to. Equipment will be washed daily. Also, we intend to deliver most of our curriculum outside, so that the children find it easier to maintain social distancing.

**FAQ'S 14<sup>TH</sup> May 2020**

**1. If I say no to sending my child back on the 1st of June can I change my mind at any point either up to or after 1st June?**

As a school we need to know how many pupils will be in school on June the 1<sup>st</sup> by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of May. This will enable school leaders to organise the staffing and the timetable for the school day. If a parent says no then changes their mind, we will do our best

to accommodate the children, but this will depend on whether or not we have the staff to do so.

**2. If I say no will there still be school work provided for him on seesaw?**

Yes, Seesaw will continue.

**3. If they are at school will lunch be provided? My child has school dinners, so will I need to provide him with a packed lunch?**

The school kitchen is open and pupils will be able to have a cooked lunch.

**4. My child has grown out of his school shoes and much of his uniform. Can I send him in trainers and a combination of "home clothes" and school uniform?**

Yes, pupils can attend school in a combination of 'home clothes' and school uniform.

**5. Will we be fined if we do not send them in?**

No, you will not be fined.

**6. Can you give me some idea what he should expect, in particular what will play times be like please?**

Pupils will be in smaller groups than usual and supervised by an adult. Lunch and play times will be staggered so that pupils will only play with the children in their group. Social distancing will be encouraged at all times. There will be activities for the children to do such as colouring and craft; physical activities such as kicking a ball back and forth will also be permitted.

**7. Will the school still be open for key worker children in other Year groups?**

Yes, children who are currently attending school will be able to do so after the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

**8. Will social distancing of 2 metres be in place?**

Yes it will be. We feel it is possible when pupils are in small groups, doing certain activities. It won't be easy and there will be times the children will forget, but for much of the time we are confident that we can maintain social distancing.

**9. Will I be able to see the school's risk assessment?**

Yes, this has been completed by school leaders and will be updated after all school staff have been able to contribute to the risk assessment process. We anticipate that we can share this with you on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of May.

**10. I've read that schools might not open; will the school open on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June?**

Yes, if it is safe to do so and school leaders have the confidence of the staff, parents and pupils. If the school does not have enough staff to teach smaller groups of pupils then the

school will not be able to provide an education for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. A part-time table might be required, for example.