



20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Phased return of EYFS children**

As has previously been communicated at Lakeside Primary Academy, we will need to consider and risk assess our plans safely and cautiously where staff, pupil and community safety is put first and foremost with no compromise. It is our aim to do the best we can with the minimum of risk and hope by starting slowly, we succeed in bringing children back to school in a sensitive manner.

Our initial intention is that children will work within small teams of up to 10 children with a designated member of staff in each 'team community'. This is based on the capacity of each classroom which differ on their ability to accommodate children whilst paying heed to the 2 metre social distances advice and staffing structure. Children will not necessarily be in their current classroom or have their current teacher but we will endeavour to ensure that it is someone known to them.

Based on the feedback from parents and uptake of children of Key Workers we will be offering children in Team Willow 2 full days.

One team community will attend on a **Monday and Tuesday** and the second team community will attend on a **Thursday and Friday**.

In the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June the team community who would be in on a **Monday and Tuesday** will only attend on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** due to all York schools being closed on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** for all but Key Workers to support organisation.

The children will be grouped into the two community teams with support from Mrs Hadfield, Mrs Pullan and Miss Dobbs. As you can imagine, parents and children may have their wishes as to how they would like this to be organised, however, we aim to do the best we can to ensure a familiar face.


Once it is confirmed that you wish your child to return in the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June we will clarify

- groups,
- classroom,
- adults
- drop off and pick up times.



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Please confirm that you wish to take up your child's place by completing the online form <https://forms.gle/amWNW3xGeQ8fTAzNA> by **2pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**. If we have not heard from you by that point we will ring to confirm.

As all EYFS children are entitled to universal free school meals, the kitchen will provide them with a pack up. However if as normal you wish to send your own pack up then that is your choice.

From the first of June we will be asking all children in school to wear uniform. If there are any issues surrounding this then please speak to us.

The provision will look different to what the children left in March but the staff have worked hard to ensure that it is appropriate. Behaviour expectations will continue as normal with children sensitively being made aware of the importance of social distancing.

The information previously shared remains the same.

Each 'team community' will be asked to enter and exit the school at staggered start times and also have set break times throughout the day. They will play, work and eat with their 'team community' group not mixing with any other children. Hand washing, good hygiene, mental health and wellbeing will play an integral part in daily activities.

Advice currently maintains that PPE is not necessary within a primary school and we are seeking further clarification on this. We have ordered masks, gloves and goggles for staff to use when providing first aid or intimate care to any child who may require this assistance.

We understand that some parents may not wish to send their child/ren back to school in the week beginning 1st June and our understanding is that there will be no financial consequence to keeping your child at home. We will endeavour to continue our commitment to **home learning for all** as long as we have enough staff to run it effectively and aim for a blended approach that will compliment what is happening in school. We appreciate that this keeps your child safe, in a stable consistent routine and keeps learning fluid.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen Hayes-Smith'.

Helen Hayes-Smith

Head of School