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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a good week. It continues to be a delight to see all the wonderful things that you are doing at home with your children.

It has been exciting here at Oldbury Park as we welcomed 11 Reception children, children from the Base and an ever growing Key Worker Group back to school. They have all managed so well with the social distancing and keeping apart and it has been lovely for us to see them.

We are now preparing for Year 1 to begin on Monday 8th June and Year 6 on Wednesday 10th June. We are expecting 18 Year 1 children and 42 Year 6 children. Thank you to you all for letting us know if your child is returning. We have now made arrangements for those children who are returning and, for the foreseeable future, we are unable to accept any more at this stage.

This letter sets out procedures for those returning. We have reviewed our systems this week and have made the following changes:

Arriving at School

We request that only one adult brings and collects your child. This is to reduce the numbers of adults on site. With increasing numbers of children and parents coming on site next week, we are changing our approach to maintain the highest possible safety of the children.

- The **Reception** children are to continue as they have done this week.
- No one have used the 'Drive and Drop' option so we are going to stop that now for all year groups.
- We are asking that all parents park on the road and use the one-way system through the pupil entrance and out through the double gates onto the main driveway.
- No parents, **including the Key Worker Group**, are to drive into the school grounds, except the parents of children in the **Base**.
- **Year 1 and Year 6** are asked to walk down the pupil entrance in the normal way. Times of year groups are staggered so you won't all be doing this at the same time.
- Markers will be on the K-a-day track outside the Year 2 outside area. Please line up using the spots there. There will be members of staff to help with this until the children get used to it.
- Once assembled, a member of staff will lead the children around the front of the school to enter the building at the rear.
- A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be there to take messages in the normal way. As you say goodbye to your child in the usual playground, please then leave through the double gates onto the main driveway, creating a one-way system.
- Our aim is to reduce the flow and movement of people within school, thereby keeping each 'bubble' as secure as possible.

Collecting your child at the end of the day

Times will be staggered so we hope there will not be too many parents on the playground at any one time. Please make sure you keep a safe distance on the playground. No access will be allowed to cars at the end of the day so you will need to park outside school and enter via the pupil entrance.

School Lunches for children returning to school

Base children and the Key Worker Group are asked to continue to bring a packed lunch every day please. **Year 6** children are returning on Wednesday for the morning only, but from Thursday 11th June, they too will be required to bring a packed lunch to school.

Monday is morning only for **Year 1** (see below), but from Tuesday they will be attending for the full day and so we shall provide them with a free lunch. *Please do not send your child with their own lunch as we are trying to reduce the amount of things each child has to bring into school.*

You can order your child's lunch as usual on the Aspens website. The menu has been adapted for the rest of this term as the children will be eating in their classroom so there will be no hot meal provision. Please order from the Back to School (Generic Options) set of menus and choose 'Today's School Meal (Meat)' for a ham sandwich option or 'Today's School Meal (Vegetarian)' for the cheese option. The meal will also include fruit, vegetable snacks and a piece of cake. Orders need to be placed, or cancelled, by 9am each day. There will be regular weekly updates of the menu for you to place your order. Please contact the school office if you have any problems with the ordering process.

The information in this box is repeated from last week, but is here for reference.

Transfer of Groups

You must commit to one group for your child to attend. For example, they cannot switch from the Key Worker group to the Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 group, or vice versa, as this introduces so many more combinations of contact for each child and adult.

For the same reason, we do not expect any child to be attending another childcare group provision outside of school as this compromises the safe environment we have worked so hard to create at Oldbury Park.

Uniform

We are aiming to be outdoors as much as we possibly can, with all groups of learners. Therefore we request that all children wear trainers to school. No PE kits are necessary in school.

We would like the children to wear uniform if possible, including the Key Worker group. *However*, I am aware the children have all grown a lot since we last saw them. You may not have uniform available. On top of this, we are requesting that at the end of the day their clothes are washed and that they wear clean clothes every day. So I am asking something which may not be possible! Please just do your best and I will totally understand. I would request no football strips though please! The children are not able to wear masks in school.

Water

Please send your child with a water bottle (or two, or three) into school each day. These need to be named. We want to avoid re-filling these during the day as that increases touching taps, etc, so if possible, please send enough for the whole day, remembering that the children need to drink plenty during these hot days.

Bringing items into school

We want to make sure that only essential items are brought into school to help reduce the risk of infection. The guidelines state that surfaces that can be wiped clean are much safer. So, if possible, no backpacks, toys, books, etc but just bottles of water and a snack should be brought in. We will provide all the equipment needed so there is no need for pencil cases, etc. If there is a chance that your child might have an accident in school, please do provide some spare clothes. We are trying to reduce the amount of home / school crossover as much as possible.

When Year 6 return (June 10th), they will be discouraged from bringing phones into school. If they do, it is at their own risk. Each child will be provided with a tray for all their things from home so that no one else touches it during the day.

Free School Meals

We will continue to send out vouchers to families who are entitled to free school meals, even if your child returns to school.

We look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school next week. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me via office@oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk if you wish to ask any questions.

Thank you for your continued support through this ever-changing time.

Please take care of yourselves and your children.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Sarah Boyce

Principal

Week beginning : Monday 8 th June 2020				
	Reception	MAB	Year 1	Year 6
Monday	9.15am – 2.45pm	8.45am – 3.15pm	10am – 12 noon	-
Tuesday	9.15am – 2.45pm	8.45am – 3.15pm	9am – 3pm	-
Wednesday	9.15am – 2.45pm	8.45am – 3.15pm	9am – 3pm	10am – 12 noon
Thursday	9.15am – 2.45pm	8.45am – 3.15pm	9am – 3pm	8.45am – 3.15pm
Friday	<i>Key Workers' children.in as normal – 8.45am to 3.00pm</i> School closed to other children to allow for deep cleaning and planning for the week ahead.			
Week beginning : Monday 15 th June 2020				
	Reception	MAB	Year 1	Year 6
Monday	9.15am – 2.45pm	8.45am – 3.15pm	9am – 3pm	8.45am – 3.15pm
Tuesday	9.15am – 2.45pm	8.45am – 3.15pm	9am – 3pm	8.45am – 3.15pm
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