

Thursday June 11th 2020

Dear Parents,

Wider Phased Reopening of the School

The first week of the wider reopening of the school has gone smoothly so we can move forward with the next stage of our plan. Thank you very much for bringing your children to school at the correct times as being too early or too late means that we cannot ensure social distancing at the school gate. This time keeping will be even more important next week when we have two more year groups coming back into school. Please find below the arrangements for next week. As the classrooms are well ventilated, can you please send your child to school with their sweatshirt/jumper, and a coat for outdoor playtimes.

Week Beginning June 15th

1. Key Workers' children to arrive at 8.30 a.m. promptly. Parents should line up in a socially distanced queue (two metres apart) in front of the main entrance with your child standing by your side at all times until they are called into school by the member of staff. Your child will need to be collected promptly at 3.15 p.m. when you should again form a socially distanced queue in front of the main entrance. It is very important that you arrive and leave promptly if we are to ensure social distancing in the yard. Key workers whose children come to school on multiple days must ensure they have freshly washed clothes on each day. Please do not come into the main entrance except in an emergency. Instead, please email or telephone the school office.
2. Reception pupils:
 - Bubble A on June 15th
 - Bubble B on June 16th
 - Bubble C on June 17th
 - Bubble D on June 18th

One parent only should bring their child to school at 8.45 a.m. promptly. There will be cones placed on the grassed area outside of Reception class door. Please stand at one of these cones with your child at your side. Miss Dixon or Mrs. Hill will call each child into school in turn. Once your child has been called, please leave the school grounds promptly. At 2.30 p.m. please follow the same system and stand by a cone until your child is dismissed to you. Once you have your child with you, please leave the school grounds promptly. It is very important that you arrive and leave promptly if we are to ensure social distancing in the yard. Please do not wait for other parents at the gate. The children can wear their polo shirt and either leggings/ tracksuit bottoms or shorts depending on the weather and trainers/plimsolls so that no changing for PE is necessary. No bags or equipment are needed for school. A labelled drinks bottle is encouraged. Please do not come to the main entrance except in an emergency. Instead, please email or phone the school office.

3. Year 1:
 - Bubbles A and B on June 17th
 - Bubbles C and D on June 18th

One parent only should bring their child to school at 9 a.m. promptly. There will be cones placed on the infant yard outside of the KS1 entrance. Please enter by the top gate and stand at one of these cones with your child at your side. Mrs. Mackley or Mrs. Dunn will call each child into school in turn. Once your child has been called, please leave the school grounds promptly by the bottom gate. At

2.45 p.m. please follow the same system and stand by a cone until your child is dismissed to you. Once you have your child with you, please leave the school grounds promptly. It is very important that you arrive and leave promptly if we are to ensure social distancing in the yard. Please do not wait for other parents at the gate. The children can wear their polo shirt and either leggings/ tracksuit bottoms or shorts depending on the weather and trainers/plimsolls so that no changing for PE is necessary. No bags or equipment are needed for school. A labelled drinks bottle is encouraged. Please do not come to the main entrance except in an emergency. Instead, please email or phone the school office.

4. Year 6:

- Bubbles A and B- Monday 15th June
- Bubbles C and D- Tuesday 16th June

One parent only should bring their child to school at 9. 15 a.m. promptly. There will be cones placed on the grassed area at the back of the school- please enter through the back gate next to the church car park. Please stand at one of these cones with your child at your side. Mrs. Devine or Mrs. Welsh will call each child into school in turn. Once your child has been called, please leave the school grounds promptly by the same gate. At 3.00 p.m. please follow the same system and stand by a cone until your child is dismissed to you. Once you have your child with you, please leave the school grounds promptly. It is very important that you arrive and leave promptly if we are to ensure social distancing in the yard. Please do not wait for other parents at the gate. The children can wear their polo shirt and either leggings/ tracksuit bottoms or shorts depending on the weather and trainers/plimsolls so that no changing for PE is necessary. No bags or equipment are needed for school. A labelled drinks bottle is encouraged. Please do not come to the main entrance except in an emergency. Instead, please email or phone the school office.

5. Nursery:

- Bubble A will attend Monday June 15th from **9.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.**
- Bubble B will attend Monday June 15th from **12.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.**
- Bubble B will attend Tuesday June 16th from **9.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.**
- Bubble A will attend Tuesday June 16th from **12.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.**
- Bubble C will attend Wednesday June 17th from **9.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.**
- Bubble C will attend Thursday June 18th from **12.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.**
- Bubble D will attend Wednesday June 17th from **12.30 p.m. to 3p.m.**
- Bubble D will attend Thursday June 18th from **9.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m**

One parent only should bring their child to school at 9. 15 a.m./12.30 p.m. promptly. There will be cones placed on the grassed area outside of nursery. Please stand at one of these cones with your child at your side. Miss Storey or Mrs. Miller will call each child into school in turn. Once your child has been called, please leave the school grounds promptly by the same gate. At 11.45/3 p.m. please follow the same system and stand by a cone until your child is dismissed to you. Once you have your child with you, please leave the school grounds promptly. It is very important that you arrive and leave promptly if we are to ensure social distancing in the yard. Please do not wait for other parents at the gate. The children can wear their own clothes or school polo shirt with either leggings/tracksuit bottoms or shorts, depending on the weather, and trainers or plimsolls. Please ensure that your child has freshly washed clothes for each bubble session. No bags or equipment are needed for school. A labelled drinks bottle is encouraged. Please do not come to the main entrance except in an emergency. Instead, please email or phone the school office.

- *If you have children in two or more year groups that have returned to school, please call the school office and I will advise you about timings.*

Reminder- Health and Safety Measures and Logistical Arrangements for all Pupils – this applies to all groups.

- Staff will not be wearing PPE to greet the pupils into school however they will be wearing PPE inside the classrooms where the space is enclosed, and for any first aid administered by our first aiders. The staff are very adept at ensuring this is done in a non-threatening way for the pupils.
- Pupils and staff will have their temperature taken using a digital thermometer to ensure it is safe for them to be in school. The staff will know how to do this in a fun, child-friendly manner. If your child's temperature is too high then we will contact you. During this time you must ensure that you are easily contactable and able to collect your child should they become ill.
- The classrooms have been prepared so that social distancing can be maintained as far as possible between the pupils. The class teachers will be putting up photographs onto their class pages so you can show the children that the classrooms look very familiar. The staff will be making the children feel as comfortable as possible and are very skilled at reassuring the children about any health and safety measures we have had to put in place. Photographs will also be displayed of the 'cone' collection and drop-off system.
- All children (not nursery) will be provided with a school lunch. They will have a choice of lunches which the cook will provide for them to select from each day. The lunches will be delivered to their classroom for them to eat. I am sure the children will enjoy this. There will be no menus sent home with pupils and no charge for any meals until the end of term. If you prefer your **KS2** pupil to bring a packed lunch please do so but remember that no other personal belongings are allowed in school. Please ensure that you inform us by email of any new allergies that your child may have.

Attendance

This is the current government guidance but it must be parental choice:

- Children and young people who are considered [extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding](#) should continue to shield and should not be expected to attend.
- Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19). A minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.
- Children and young people who live in a household with someone who is [extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding](#) should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and the child or young person is able to understand and follow those instructions, with young children this is unlikely to be possible.
- Children and young people who live with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not extremely clinically vulnerable) as defined in the [social distancing guidance](#) and including those who are pregnant, can attend.

We will welcome all children in the eligible year groups to school and ask parents to consider the above guidance. If you need any help with this guidance please email the school at info@st-bedes.s-tyneside.sch.uk

We will be doing all we can to keep your child safe and happy in school and very much look forward to welcoming them back. If you do not wish to send your child back to school could you please email us at info@st-bedes.s-tyneside.sch.uk. If you decide not to send your child back to school you will not be penalised or fined. If you change your mind then your child's place will be kept open for them.

INSET Day- reminder

The school is closed for an INSET Day on Friday June 19th.

Google Classroom

Many thanks to the staff, particularly to Mrs. Devine and Mrs. McVittie, for their work in setting up this system. The staff have been able to help many parents and pupils this week with teething problems; however, if there are any families who are still having problems logging in to Google classroom, then please contact school and we will do our best to help you. It has been heartening to see the engagement of pupils in this new resource that allows such effective communication between staff, parents and pupils.

With best wishes,

N. Park

Headteacher