



Monday, 25th May 2020

RE: COVID – 19 UPDATE

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this email finds you and your family safe and well, and enjoying a much deserved bank holiday, especially as the weather today is so beautiful!

The staff and I have been in touch with parents and carers during this time and it has been lovely to hear that the support and communication provided by the school have been much valued and appreciated.

It was 'Thank a Teacher Day' last Wednesday, in my opinion, it should be named 'Thank School Staff Day' as our: site manager, cook, health mentors, kitchen staff, office and finance staff, cleaners, lunchtime supervisors, ICT technician, school social worker, teaching assistants, teaching and leadership colleagues all contribute to teaching and supporting Oratory children and families. All 'shine brightly' never more so than through these challenging and unsettling times.

I cannot find the words to thank each and every one; these past weeks have asked so much from them, not just in terms of teaching and supporting our children and families daily but also in caring for themselves, for their children, for family members who are highly and clinically vulnerable and for their elderly relatives. They are remarkable colleagues who I am immensely privileged to work alongside.

I would like to reassure you that the school will be adhering to the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson's advice (16.5.20, Live briefing) ensuring a "*...phased, gradual and cautious approach*" as central to the Oratory's return to school strategy.

The health and safety of all our children, parents, carers and staff remains our top priority.

Following on from my email dated Monday 18th May, I can outline our phased re-opening plans. **Please note: All planning and start dates are subject to change dependent on the Prime Minister's address on Thursday 28th May and if the 5 key tests set by government have been reached.**

The table below summarises the start date, location of drop off, days in school and staggered times for the start and end of day for each group – 'bubble'. This plan has been devised based on the number of responses (a yes / no if your child will be returning to school) that we have had from the parents and carers of these groups.

Each group will be receiving an email tomorrow confirming that their child has a place, outlining new procedures, what can and cannot be brought into school and what to expect when the school re-opens.

Important Information

- Key Worker and vulnerable children will be in school each day from Wednesday 3rd June.
- Year 1 children will be gradually re-introduced into their group:
 - **Group 1A** children are those children in Year 1 who have already been coming to school during lockdown. This group will come back to school from Wednesday 3rd June.
 - **Group 1B** are those children in Year 1 who will be returning having not been to school since Friday 20th March, they will be returning on Monday 8th June.
- Year 6 children (based on responses received last week) will return on Monday 8th June
- **Our numbers are currently fixed at the moment for 1st – 12th June.** If your child is in Year 1 or Year 6 and you change your mind and would like your child to return to school there will be a process to follow.
- On Tuesday 9th June, Year 1 and Year 6 parents and carers will receive an email asking them to text the school by Wednesday 10th June indicating if they would like a place for not.
- On Friday 12th June you will receive an email confirming if your child has a place dependent on staff and pupils numbers.

Re-Opening Schedule

Dates					
1 st - 2 nd June	Staff training: new processes, procedures and protocols				
Return to School	Group / Bubble	Enter school via	Group location	Start of Day	End of Day
Wednesday 3rd June	Key Worker + Vulnerable Children	KS1 Playground Gate, Oliver Road	Foundation Unit	9:00 am	2:30 pm
	Year 1A	Main School Entrance, Oliver Road	Year 1 Classroom	9:30am	2:00pm
Thursday 4th June	Key Worker + Vulnerable Children	KS1 Playground Gate, Oliver Road	Foundation Unit	9:00 am	2:30 pm
	Year 1A	Main School Entrance, Oliver Road	Year 1 Classroom	9:30am	2:00pm
Friday 5th June	Key Worker + Vulnerable Children	KS1 Playground Gate, Oliver Road	Foundation Unit	9:00 am	2:30 pm
	PPA TIME and DEEP CLEAN – MAIN SCHOOL FROM 9:00AM DEEP CLEAN FOUNDATION UNIT FROM 2.45PM				
Weekend					
Monday 8th June - Thursday 11th June	Key Worker + Vulnerable Children	KS1 Playground Gate, Oliver Road	Foundation Unit	9:00 am	2:30 pm
	Year 1A	Main School Entrance, Oliver Road	Year 1 Classroom	9:30am	2:00pm

	Year 1B	Main School Entrance, Oliver Road	Year 2 Classroom	9:30am	2:00pm
	Year 6	School Entrance, Monument Road	Year 6 Classroom	10:00am	3:00pm
Friday 12th June	Key Worker + Vulnerable Children	KS1 Playground Gate, Oliver Road	Foundation Unit	9:00 am	2:30 pm
	PPA TIME and DEEP CLEAN – MAIN SCHOOL FROM 9:00AM DEEP CLEAN FOUNDATION UNIT FROM 2.45PM				
This cycle is repeated throughout June and July – dependent on staff and pupil numbers					

PLEASE REMEMBER: You have the right to decide whether you think it is safe and appropriate to send your child/children back into school when we begin to open. There will be no consequences or fines for families who choose for their children to remain at home during the remainder of the Summer Term, and I will of course respect the decision that you make.

Finally, I appreciate that this is going to be a difficult and inconvenient time; one that will impact on your daily schedule.

Please do remember that every decision we are making is based on trying to keep all of the children in our school, and the staff who work with them, as safe as possible.

God Bless you all!



Mrs C. Dickinson
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