

17th May 2020

Dear Parents

I am sure you are familiar with the Government's proposal to open schools from the 1st June to pupils in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 6. Whilst we support the eventual return of children to school, we want to be sure that the scientific evidence supports this and we are able to take all necessary precautions to reduce risks and keep children, staff and our school community safe.

We have planned for this phased return by reorganising classrooms to allow ample space for social distancing. There are 9 desks in each of the junior classrooms, so each child will have their own space with sufficient area around it. The Nursery and Infant learning areas have been set up to allow for ample space to promote social distancing. All areas have been thoroughly cleaned and are continually cleaned daily. A further deep clean will take place over half term. Once we are open for the identified year groups, school will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day, with a deep clean happening at least once a week.



To help protect children, staff and all members of our school community, we have implemented a one way system around the school both inside and outside of the main building. Entry to school will only be via the Infant entrance on Woodend and exit via the Junior gate for juniors and via Crown Dale for Infants. The infant office will be closed and the junior office will become the main office for the school. For your and our safety, and as we will have a reduced number of staff on site, we prefer to deal with office queries via email or phone. Our priority is the safety of the children and our staff. So, to minimise the number of people on site, you may be asked to drop off your documents at the school office post box and we will get back to you by phone or email as soon as we can.

The structure of the day will be very different, with staggered drop off and pick ups at the end of the day. Break and lunch times will be varied and the playground will be divided into zones, with restrictions on free flow play and interaction. Children will be reminded to wash their hands regularly, and hand sanitisers have been installed in teaching areas in the infant and junior schools. Staff will have access to PPE. It may take a while for children to get used to the new format, but please be assured that staff are committed to ensuring that children are not only safe but enjoy the experience of being back to school.



A big focus of the curriculum will be around supporting children's wellbeing and giving them the chance to talk about the impact of the current Coronavirus on their lives. Please be assured that we are here to support your child and help them through the transition back to school life.

I have written to parents of pupils in Nursery, Reception, years 1 and 6 with information relating to the phased return. If you have a child in one of these year groups (and have not done so) kindly click on the following google forms link to complete a questionnaire. <https://forms.gle/mRWEMPvXauTquicD9>

I will be sending out a second letter later this week to parents in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 6. It will have further detailed information to help inform your decision about returning to school.

*Provision will continue for children of key workers and other identified groups, but please note that **school will be closed for half term from Monday, 25th May to 29th May 2020.***

Thank you to all the children who have sent in photos of work completed and some of the excellent home learning going on. Parents you are doing a great job to support your child, keep it up.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher



Daily Prayers for Home

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/daily-prayers-for-home>
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

Father James has sent a lovely message to everyone and will be available on our website from tomorrow.

MUSIC MATTERS!



I am delighted to announce that Mrs Sarah Chamberlain has uploaded Video lessons for Year 3 recorder and year 4 Ukuleles. She has also included sessions for Early Years Foundation stage and KS1 and KS2. So do visit the school website to participate in sessions. Mrs Chamberlain will regularly load up sessions on a weekly basis.

Thank you to staff for sharing some of their favourite stories with you .

Remember to email your requests, if you would like to hear staff read them.



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COMPETITIONS & FUN ACTIVITIES

The National Literacy Trust are supporting a new pen pal project in lock down 'My Dear New Friend' you can view the details using the following link

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/mydearnewfriend/>

Crystal Palace Foundation

To support Mental Health Awareness Week we are hosting a webinar on Thursday 21st May- please see details below and attached:

Our Webinar is targeted at parents and teaching staff, and will cover the topic of "Returning to School: Supporting Children and Young People's Mental Health" with panellists including senior teaching staff and mental health experts.

Here is the link to register
<http://tiny.cc/pflwebinar>



AS PARENTS, EDUCATION AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS HOW CAN WE BEST SUPPORT PUPILS AS THEY RETURN BACK TO SCHOOL?

ZOE BARKHAM

Health Improvement Officer at Croydon Council

RHONA EDWARDS

Mental Health Social Worker & Cognitive Behavioural Therapist

SAK RAFIQUE

Managing Director & Mental Fitness Coach at Orange Ball

HELEN DVENDEN

Deputy Head at Kenley Primary School

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK 2020

5PM | THURSDAY 21 MAY

