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Dear year 6 Parents/Carers,

Today you would have received a phone call detailing the arrangements for the return to school for your child. This information is the most up-to-date and supersedes previous timings that you may have received.

The year group has been split into three coloured teams. These are red team, blue team and green team:

- Children in **red** team will return to school on **Wednesday** (Mrs Davie, Mr Richards, Mrs McQuay/Mrs Andrews)
- Children in **blue** team will return to school on **Thursday** (Miss Fearn, Mrs Mendez/Miss Ryder, Miss Chalk)
- Children in **green** team will return to school on **Friday** (Mrs Booth, Miss Blake)

Each team has a different start and finish time to help us to maintain social distancing at key times.

- **Red** group should arrive at school at **9:00** and will finish school at **2:50**. On a Friday red group will finish school at **11:50**.
- **Blue** group should arrive at school at **9:10** and will finish school at **3:00**. On a Friday red group will finish school at **12:00**.
- **Green** group should arrive at school at **9:20** and will finish school at **3:10**. On a Friday red group will finish school at **12:10**.

Please arrive promptly at the Junior entrance on Bellemoor Road at your set time, for temperature checks and hand sanitising.

Please share the *return to school* PowerPoint with your child prior to them returning to school.

Please see the next pages for the answers to lots of questions we have received.

We are so very much looking forward to seeing the children again and have planned lots of fun experiences for them!

See you soon,

Year 6 team

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FAQs

- **Will planners stay at home?** Yes please- we want them to bring the absolute minimum in with them to avoid any contamination
- **Do they need separate PE Kit?** No, they can come to school in PE kit, or do activities in their school uniform – no separate kit required
- **Do they need to take their own water bottles? Do they come home and get washed every night too?** Bring in own water bottles, but keep them in school for the week, take home to be washed on a Friday
- **For those Y6 not going in, would they be able to join in the USH zoom sessions?** Yes, definitely
- **Are mobile phones banned?** If a mobile phone is an absolute necessity then it will need to be brought in a small bag that get put under the child's desk.
- **What is a grab and go and how much are the school packed lunches?** Grab and go is alternative packed lunch option – instead of a sandwich it has a main like a slice of pizza/a wrap/ a noodle pot, etc. Meals cost £2.25 per day, £11.25 per week.
- **The finish time for Fridays isn't staggered like the rest of the week. Are they all leaving together?** We have now staggered these timings.
- **Can you confirm that children can take a snack into school with them and does it need to be in a disposable bag?** Yes and yes, please
- **Have we heard which children will be going in?** Unless you said "no" on the survey, we are assuming the child will be in, and you will have received a phonecall from their bubble teacher.
- **Are bikes or scooters going to be allowed on site?** No, please keep these at home, as they do not encourage social distancing. If this means you would be forced to use public transport, please contact us to discuss.
- **Did I read it correctly that children won't have a lunch break on a Friday?** That is correct, no Friday lunch break since we finish at the end of the morning.
- **Key Worker Children - We were asked to send them in consistent days and then asked to keep home if different shifts. Our work varies weekly dependant on what's going on so requested days we work but not always the same.** We appreciate this could be a problem – same days each week if you can, otherwise book on a weekly basis for the days you need.

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- **A few comments received regarding items left at school (especially for those that started shielding earlier than lockdown): lunchboxes, PE kits, workbooks, planners etc - can we get these back?** We will do our best, please ask your child to ask their bubble adult
- **Will the children be getting reports in a similar way to infants?** Yes – they will be out soon.
- **A bit of info from the school on 'Reading Plus' – what do the levels and grades mean and represent? Seems to be different sections for example writing tab. Should the children be attempting this? Does the teacher advise the children?** Grades and levels are equivalent to year groups. 1A means a child is working at a year 2 level, 2B means a child is working at a year 3 level. 3C means a child is working at a year 4 level. 4D means a child is working at a year 5 level. 5E means a child is working at a year 6 level. Level 6 and above means a child is working at a secondary school level. Children should concentrate on reading and vocabulary not the writing tab. The program sets reading activities for the children using information from their initial assessment. Teachers regularly check how children are using the program.
- **Home learning:** As we now need to invite Year 6 back into school, along with catering for a rise in keyworker children, every single available member of staff is in a teaching bubble, with the very few members of staff who are shielding at home taking responsibility for the home learning. They will not be able to provide online lessons but will continue to support you with home learning, although the format of this might change in order to make it sustainable for them to produce this for 3 year groups.
- **Concerns about the future** We know no more than you do about possible future plans. We receive information at the same time as you, we do not get news of changes before they go public. We will adapt to whatever is thrown at us because that is one thing that we, as a profession, are experts at! Teachers have already begun thinking about how to prioritise missed learning, as well as emotional wellbeing, when children return in larger numbers, and we ask you to trust that we, like you, have your children's best interests at heart.

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