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Returning to School 1 June 2020 – Information for Year 6

Wednesday 27 May 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Next week, unless we hear otherwise, we will be returning to school and I wanted to take the opportunity to talk specifically about Year 6 and what it will look like. It is going to look and feel a little different to the school that children left behind in March but Mrs Bamford, Mrs Moore and I are going to try and make things as positive as possible. I wanted to also take the opportunity to say how much I am looking forward to seeing the children again and trying to get back some form of normality and closure for them as they prepare to move on to secondary school.

School uniform

Children will not be required to wear school uniform. We feel that many children over the last 2 months will have outgrown many items, especially shoes. Also, it is suggested in the government guidance that clothes are washed after each day. I know from my own children- I do not have 5 of everything!

Start of the day.

Year 6 will enter via the gate on The Moor ensuring that social distancing is adhered to. All children should be accompanied by 1 adult only to school. They should not walk on their own. Please can we ask that adults leave children at the gate and do not come through it, as this will make social distancing easier. The gate will be opened at 8:30 to allow a staggering.

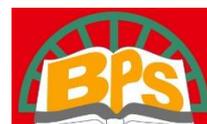
Group A will line up at the Year 5/6 entrance to the building and Group B at the Year 3/4 entrance. You will see markers showing 2m distances. Mrs Bamford, Mrs Moore and I will be out to supervise. Children will clean their hands as they enter the building. Group B will place their coats in the previously Year 5 cloakroom and Group A in Year 6's. All this will be explained by staff on arrival. Lunch boxes and water bottles will be kept in their bags. Snack will not be available from the kitchen. Please could you provide them with their own snack.

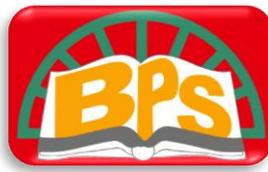
In the classroom

The tables in the classroom will remain as they were however children will be spaced around the room to allow for social distancing. We ask that all children bring in their pencil cases with the essentials in such as pencil, rubber, ruler. If your child does not have this equipment, we will provide it for them and they will take it home and return it each day. As we enter and exit the classroom, we will do so in a manner which adheres to social distancing. Children will have their own iPad allocated to them to complete the majority of their work on.

Curriculum

Our topic is 'Heroes' and the children will be learning about different heroes across the community and history. With the children being back, it allows us to discuss topics a lot more and offer more support. Input will be done by staff and children will be completing their work via a variety of different ways such as Seesaw, paper based exercises and discussions. Each child will have an iPad and these will be disinfected at the end of each day. The afternoons will be about well-being and transition. As much of the learning as possible will take place outside but this will hugely depend on the unpredictable British weather and how much of an internet connection we can get away from the inside of the building!





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Lunchtime

Children will wash their hands before and after lunch. The two groups of year 6 will be going down to the hall for their lunch in separate sittings. Both groups will have their allocated midday who will stay with them throughout lunchtime. The tables will be cleaned in the classroom before our return. Children will have outdoor play as usual at lunchtime although this will look different.

Break

Break times will be flexible and the two groups will communicate with each other as to when these will take place. Again, measures will be taken to ensure appropriate distancing, while balancing against the social and emotional needs of the children.

Toilets

All toilets have undergone a deep clean since school closure. Group A will be using what was the boys' toilets and Group B will be using what was the girls' toilets. Cleaners will ensure these are deep cleaned at the end of each day. Only 1 person will use each toilet block at a time.

Cleaning

As well as the distancing measures that are in operation, there are cleaning kits in each and every bubble available for use throughout the day. Additionally cleaning capacity has been increased to allow for a more rigorous cleaning of all areas. There are also soap and sanitizer dispensers throughout the school.

End of the day

All children must be collected by 1 adult only. Year 6 will line up outside the KS2 building and as we see parents arrive, we will dismiss them into your care 1 by 1. Please stay on The Moor, socially distancing at all times. In order to make this easier, we will be out ready to be collected at 3-3:15pm to allow a staggering. Please do not get to school any earlier than 3pm.

Sun Care

As we are planning to spend as much time outdoors as possible, it would be useful to send the children with something to sit on e.g. a blanket. Please can you send the children wearing sun lotion and with some in their bags. They also need a hat.

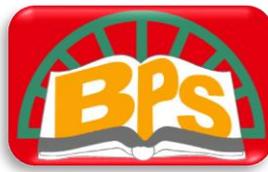
Transition

Selston have filmed a tour of the school, which will be provided via Selston High's website soon. They have also planned some transition activities via their school website. I will let you know when I know more. Hall Park are yet to confirm their plans.

Zoom Q&A

I will be available to speak to the children whose parents have confirmed they are returning on the 1st June via Zoom on Thursday at 10 am. Please could you share this letter with them so that they can ask any questions. Of course, I will do my best to answer what I can with the current guidance immediately but some things I may need to seek advice on. As we have found over the last week, the guidance changes on a daily basis. I will send you the details of the video call Thursday morning. I intend to do this at school so that I can show them the classrooms etc. I will also message via Dojo to let you know which group your child has been placed in.





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Finally, we must remain vigilant with regards to symptoms of Covid-19. If your child displays any symptoms associated with coronavirus e.g. continuous cough, a temperature above 37.8 or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

The DFE states the following:

When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

Many thanks for all your support over the last few months,

Mrs. Sisson

