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Urgent Update regarding phased return to school from Tuesday 2nd June 2020

Dear parents and carers

This letter contains information for all pupils in Year 6, Year 1, Reception classes and Registered Key Workers who have responded to our survey.

Unfortunately, we have needed to make some changes to our plans for the first week as a significant number of families have registered for Key Worker provision **and** the new EYFS guidance has resulted in needing to set up more EYFS class bases. This has created a significant amount of extra classroom preparations and will result in two new arrangements:

- (1) **On Monday 1st June the school will be closed to all pupils (including all Key Workers).** This is to facilitate a training / orientation day to allow our staff time to familiarise themselves with the new regime, their bubble groups, procedures and classroom set up. This protects the safe return of our pupils.
- (2) **No reception or Nursery Key Worker Pupils will be able to take up their booked places until Wednesday 3rd June.** Key Worker pupils from other year groups can take up booked places from Tuesday 2nd June.

I know that this will cause logistical difficulties for some and I apologise for the late notice.

We have now sorted out the bubbles for all those returning to school and pupils will remain in these bubbles for the duration of this summer term or until Government advice changes. Pupils will not be permitted to move from one bubble to another as per the guidance from the Department for Education. Pupils in Key Worker bubbles are permitted to attend on any days that they have booked (keyworker@stvincent.herts.sch.uk) and may use the facility on consecutive weeks. All other groups will be returning on alternate weeks, i.e. one week in school and the following week they will stay at home. It is important to ensure that you know which bubble number your child has been assigned to and when your child should / should not be in school. **This cannot be changed.** Details of the Bubble your child has been allocated to are attached.

Please remember that school is closed every Friday, until the end of term (except for pre-booked Key Worker pupils). This is to allow staff time to plan and gather materials for in school learning and distance learning and additional sanitisation throughout the entire school.



We have planned a staggered return to school in order that we can carefully monitor the impact of gradually increased numbers on site, allowing us to review and tweak safety procedures and protocols. The staggered return will work as follows:

- Monday 1st June: **INSET DAY (no pupils)**
- Tuesday 2nd June: First day for Key worker Bubble Nos 6, 7, 10, 11, 12,
 First day for Year 6 Bubbles 13 & 15
- Wednesday 3rd June: First Day for EYFS Bubbles 1, 2 & 3
 First Day for Y1 Bubble 8
- Monday 8th June: First day for Reception Bubble 4
 First day for Year 1 Bubble 9
 First day for Year 6 Bubbles Number 14 & 16
- Monday 15th June: First day for Reception Bubble 5

Please find attached full instructions regarding entering the school, drop off times and collection times as well as social distance protocols whilst on school grounds.

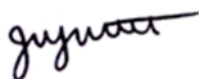
Pupils will wear school uniform but expectations in relation to this will be relaxed as I know that it will be a priority for everyone to be able to present each day in clean clothes in order to minimise risks.

Pupils must not bring anything into school with them apart from a packed lunch, if they are having one, a water bottle, a healthy snack (in a sealed container) and a hat if required. The children will regularly be working outside: please ensure that they come to school with sun protection lotion already applied. There will be no hot meals provided in school this term, but Herts Catering will provide a cold packed lunch option with a variety of sandwich fillings.

You will also find attached a document (in PDF and PowerPoint form) which will enable you to help your child(ren) prepare for the return.

Rest assured that our site and safety protocols have been meticulously prepared to ensure that we have mitigated as many of the risks as possible. For the school to remain safe, it is essential that **everyone follows all protocols – there is no room for flexibility** as this compromises the safety of each of our families. It is imperative that you read all documentation that has been sent with this letter as a matter of urgency.

Thank you for your customary cooperation and patience. These are challenging times for us all. Please keep us all in your prayers as we plan for the return. You, of course, remain in our prayers.



Jon White

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