

Information for Parents/Carers

Important Please Read

Proposed partial opening from June



Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware from the earlier Chelmsford Learning Partnership Trust letter, the proposals for re-opening in June follow a consistent academy approach. However, it is acknowledged that local details need to be communicated to support parents and carers to make informed choices for their children going forward. Please be reminded that if you decide that you wish to continue to support the learning of your child at home for your own reasons then you are free to do so and home learning will continue to be provided on the website and non-attendance will not be penalised (no fines).

Attached are two guides with further information, one for Parents that will hopefully answer any questions you may have and support the information below and one for your child to help with their transition back to school.

Outlined below are further details about the implementation of partial opening.

Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd June our school will be closed to all pupils due to staff training, planning and preparation (open for keyworker/vulnerable/EHCP children as normal).

Thursday 4th June and Friday 5th June – provision for Reception starts. These two days only will be half days to allow the youngest children to familiarise themselves with their new setting (open for keyworker/vulnerable/EHCP children as normal in year 1 and 2 only).

PROPOSED SCHOOL PROVISION FROM MONDAY 8TH JUNE TO WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY (based on current projected numbers from our earlier survey)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.	Reception pupils in school <u>all day</u> in their allocated groups ('bubble') and times.	Year 1 pupils in school <u>all day</u> in their allocated groups ('bubble') and times.	School open for children of critical workers, vulnerable children and children with an EHCP in Year 2 only.
Friday only.	Reception pupils in school <u>half day</u> in their allocated groups ('bubble') and times. **<u>Lunchtime finish</u>**	Year 1 pupils in school <u>half day</u> in their allocated groups ('bubble') and times. **<u>Lunchtime finish</u>**	School open for children of critical workers, vulnerable children and children with an EHCP in Year 2 only.

Should we re-open, we would like to welcome Reception and Year 1 pupils in full time. We will only proceed with this plan if we have the space and staffing to cater for small groups of children. If the demand for places is higher than previously predicted (from the earlier survey) and we do not have the space and staffing to cover the demand, then we would necessitate a part-time attendance as we do not have room for all of the children to be in school full time.

- **All children will be allocated a small group or 'bubble'**, which will have allocated staff members and class bases. Details of who will be in each 'bubble' will be communicated at the beginning of June when we have clarity around the numbers of children expected to attend, which will be obtained via a final survey which will be emailed to you on Thursday 28th May at 6pm.

- **Drop off and pick up times will be staggered for each group**, as will break and lunch times to ensure that the children will only come into contact with a limited number of children and adults.
- **A new one-way system will operate** with children and parents entering the school via the car park and using the double gate into the playfield at the back to ensure social distancing.
- Social distancing will be taught and encouraged at all times during the school day but **cannot be guaranteed**.
- **Learning will be consistent** whether accessed at school or at home following a very similar timetable to that given during school closure and with a focus on the well-being of pupils.
- **School uniform will NOT be required** as some sessions will be outdoors and physical in nature. Children will be asked to come to school in sports/casual clothes and wearing suitable footwear for sport (trainers). To help prevent the spread of germs it is advised that different clean clothing be worn daily.
- **Lunchtimes** will take place in the pupil's allocated class base and on their individual table. Children can bring in their own packed lunch or have a school packed lunch. **There will be no hot dinners.** The children will be able to access the zoned outside playground with their bubble. Children will remain strictly in their 'bubble' at these times.
- **Children who are unwell**, with possible COVID-19 symptoms, will be treated by first aid staff in full PPE, placed in the ventilated reception area, and required to go home and isolate in accordance with government guidance.
- **A risk assessment** is in place to support both children and staff in every aspect of health and safety and underpins the provision planned.

Following this information, and the information from the government at their 28th May announcement, we will be sending all Foundation and year 1 parents a survey on Thursday 28th May to ask for your final decision as to whether you would like your child to attend school for the remainder of this summer term for the sessions detailed above. **ALL parents MUST answer this survey, whatever your decision, by the end of Sunday 31st May.** If you do not answer this survey, we will assume your child **will not** be attending school before September 2020.

Please be advised that the decisions that have been taken prioritise the safety, health and well-being of all children and staff. Thank you all once again for your continued support.

Keep Staying Safe.

Kind regards

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and the Perryfields School Team