



Dear Parents and Carers,

2<sup>1st</sup> May 2020

### **Re-opening of Loddiswell Primary School**

We are currently working to ensure a safe, phased return to school for some of our year groups from 1st June 2020 (subject to satisfactory risk assessment outcomes).

Foundation Stage and Year 1 from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Year 6 from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

We will also continue to welcome keyworker and vulnerable children to school. Government advice regarding social distancing and hygiene rules will be stringently followed at all times.

Although we will be welcoming some of our children back, the reality is that normal school life is still a long way off right now. Due to the need to impose social distancing, children, teachers and support staff will all have to stay completely separate in their own “class bubble” and not mix. None of the “class bubbles” will be able to interact with each other whilst in school. The structure of the school day, and indeed teaching methods, will not be “normal” - lesson delivery will change.

Our classes will contain no more than 15 children. In each classroom, children will be sat at desks in their own space. The desk will be allocated to the same child every day and used for work and lunch. This will prevent the children getting too close to one another. Each class will have access to their own toilets to prevent children from different classes meeting and crossing over. Children will have allocated playgrounds for their class “bubble” to prevent classes mixing at playtimes.

Each child will be given a plastic wallet containing their English and Maths books, along with the child’s pen, pencils etc. There can be no sharing of resources to avoid the risk of cross contamination. The children will be required to engage in a far more “traditional” form of lesson in which they sit at an allocated individual table, rather than engaging in collaborative work within a group. In the mornings, the focus of the learning will be phonics/ spellings, English (reading and writing) and Maths. The afternoons will consist of a mixture of PSHE, science and other subjects. Year 6 will also take part in some transitional preparation for September. Once children are engaged in learning activities in school, the emphasis will be on self-marking, guided by the teacher, as teachers are not able to take in exercise books for marking.

The school day will be significantly amended with a staggered start to the day. Children will arrive in allocated 15 minute blocks (see the attached information sheet). We have split the start and end of the school day into 4 windows for the different groups to come into school. This is to prevent overcrowding around the school gate and ensure social distancing is in place.

As soon as parents/ carers collect or drop off their child/children from the MUGA gates, it is essential that they exit the school grounds promptly to ensure social distancing measures can be adhered to. Children will need to be prepared to make their way straight to their classroom when being dropped off therefore, can you please discuss this with your child/ children before their first day back. Teachers will meet the children at the gate but we are



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asking parents and carers to drop off and collect two metres from the main gate so as to ensure that all groups and families are socially distanced.

There will be clearly marked routes into school and 2m markers to ensure social distancing while waiting to drop off/pick up. All classes will have an adult present to receive children and settle them at their desks. Should you need to discuss anything, please phone and make an appointment to avoid causing delays to those waiting to drop off/pick up.

Handwashing will be central to the school day as it was in the period before lockdown. All children will need to ensure that they wear a **clean set of clothes each day** therefore they will not be required to wear school uniform. At the end of the school day, all clothes worn by children and staff will need to be removed and washed when they get home to prevent possible carrying of infection into the home.

All children, except for key workers, will still enter school through the MUGA gates. Year 1 will then enter using Class 3's outside door. Year 6 will enter as before, as will Foundation Stage. The Key worker children will enter through the main reception entrance. On entering the building, the children will wash their hands before sitting down at their desks. We have created an isolation area should anyone be taken ill during the course of the day and will follow the current guidance on distancing and cleaning this area after use.

There will be **no parking available at school** to ensure the safety of the children and parents/carers leaving the school site on foot.

Playtimes/ playgrounds have had to be allocated to different groups with no mixing of groups allowed even if the children are in the same family. Lunches will be eaten at each child's own table. You can request a packed lunch from the School Kitchen, which will be delivered each day to the classroom ready for eating. A menu and ordering instructions are attached. **Lunches must be ordered in advance.** Please see the guidance on the information sheet.

Please rest assured the health and safety of the children and staff is paramount. We have worked hard to put systems and processes in place to ensure our school is as safe and engaging for the children as possible under the current guidance and legislation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments:

- Information Sheet, Behaviour Policy, Lunch Menu & Order Form

