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Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Year 1,

Last week, I wrote to you about the school's plans to re-open to children in Year 1 from Tuesday, June 16th.

Risk Assessment

In that letter, I explained that the school's leaders, staff and governors have taken into account all of the Government's guidance, and used the risk assessment from Leeds City Council's Health and Safety team to make sure that our plans are as safe as possible.

If you would like to read our risk assessment please click the link at the top of our homepage at <https://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk/>

Key Information about the Reopening for Year 1

We plan to safely bring the Year 1 children back in three bubbles from Tuesday, **June 16th**.

How should I get to school and come into the playground?

- Only 1 parent/carer from a household should accompany a child / children from the same household.
- Children, and their parent/carer, should aim to arrive at school for 9.10.
- Children, and their parent/carer, should maintain a 2m gap between their household and people from another household.
- Children, and their parent/carer, should join the queue which is spaced at 2m intervals along the school fence and along Sandon Mount.
- At 9.10, the children, and parents/carers will be allowed access to the playground from the main school gate.
- They will walk over to the school's football pitch where the staff from each of the 3 bubbles will be waiting at the corners of the pitch.
- At 9.15, the staff from each bubble will walk the children to their respective classrooms ready to take the register.
- Parents and carers, should leave their children with the staff and exit the playground as soon as possible via the gate on Sandon Mount.

What should I do if I am late?

- It is important that you do everything you can to ensure you are not late during this time.
- We are welcoming children back in time slots and if you are late you will cause problems for the bubbles who are arriving at the same time as you. We are doing our best to protect your children and expect you to help us by being on time.

What is a 'bubble' and what will they be like?

- It is important that you recognise that school will look and feel different to how it was before we went into lockdown.
- Your children will be in one of 3 bubbles.
- A bubble is a group of people from different households who are allowed to be closer to each other than 2m so long as certain safety precautions are put in place. (For more information about what precautions need to be in place, please see the risk assessment)
- Each bubble will have 2 teachers and 2 assistants.
- A teacher and assistant will create a pair and work 2 days each week.
- Children will be placed in a bubble with other children from the same class as them, either Plum bubbles or Cherry bubbles.
- Each bubble will have its own separate toilets and sink.
- To minimise the number of bubbles on the playground at once, the children will have one outdoor and one indoor playtime each day.
- The maximum number of children in a bubble will be 10 as our rooms are only large enough for 12 people to fit in and socially distance.

An example bubble

	Tuesday & Wednesday	Thursday & Friday
Teacher	Miss Bedlow	Miss Whitfield
Assistant	Mrs Passey	Miss Teanby
Classroom for this group	Beech Classroom	
Toilets for this group	Year 1 / 2	
Sink for this group	Year 1 / 2	
Start time	9.15am	
Break time	10.15 Outdoor on Tuesday & Thursday	
Lunch time	12.00 Outdoor on Wednesday and Friday	
Finish time	3.15pm	
Number of children in grp	As of June 2nd No in Grp was 4	

What will my children be learning in school?

- We are still finalising the plans for this, as our priority has been working out how to safely bring more children back into school.
- What we have agreed at this moment is that there will be lesson on:
 - The new behaviour expectations that are linked to staying safe. *These will be shared with you as a parent in a separate letter.*
 - Phonics – It is important children can read well or they will struggle in Year 2. We will be working with the children to see how many we can get to reach the standard they would have needed to pass this year's Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.
 - Writing – Even if your child has been completing ClassKick, it might have been a while since they sat and wrote for a longer piece of text. We will be working on their handwriting and basic skills.
 - Maths – Similar to writing, in that your child might have been using numbers but most likely hasn't been calculating for a while. So we will be focusing on those skills, particularly the 4 operations to prepare them for Year 2.
 - We will be doing lots of PSHE activities to help as your child adjusts to being back into school and to help them deal with worries.

What will lunch times be like?

- Lunch will take place in the children's classrooms with one of the members of staff from their bubble.
- All lunches should be packed lunches. These should be brought in either plastic or paper bags that can be recycled safely afterwards.
- Lunchboxes should not be brought into school.
- Children should bring in a water bottle as there will be no cups in school to avoid children reusing them at this time.
- If you would like your child to take up their universal free school meal, if they tell their teacher during registration they would like a school meal, a packed lunch will be provided at lunch time.
- After the children have eaten their lunch, they will go out to play on a zoned area of the playground two days out of four and on the other days they will play inside.

Further Questions

- Does my child have to wear their school uniform or PE kit?
 - No – from June 16th until further notice, children should wear normal clothes that are changed each day so they are clean.
- Will my child be 2m apart from other people at all times?
 - No – it is not possible to promise you this.
 - What we can promise is that we will have lessons with the children about staying safe and this will include discussions about hand washing, what to do if you cough or sneeze, no touching each other etc.
- How are you keeping the school clean?
 - We are employing additional cleaners to be on site during the day. These cleaners will ensure that areas that are frequently used are cleaned more often.
 - We will also have hand wash and wipes in areas where people might have to touch surfaces such as door handles or buttons.
- How can I pass on important messages to school?
 - To avoid face to face contact we would ask that you do not come into school or try and talk to the staff in your child's bubble at drop off or pick up.
 - Instead, you should either call the school on 0113 2713804 between 8am and 11am or email martin.lumb@hunsletcarr.co.uk
- What happens if my child, does not follow the social distancing behaviour rules at school?
 - We will be introducing new school rules around safety, these will include rules on spitting, coughing at people, deliberately touching them or refusing to stay a safe distance from others.
 - If your child can't follow these rules you will be asked to come to school to collect them and we will discuss with you if we can safely care for your child at this time.

- What if I require help from Andy Hinchcliffe or Lauren Dean?
 - Andy and Lauren are still working each day, even if sometimes they are working from home.
 - If you need their help please contact them on:
 - Andy Hinchcliffe – 07483 326 666
 - Lauren Dean – 07483 326 664

How should I collect my child from school at home time?

- Only 1 parent/carer from a household should accompany a child / children from the same household.
- Parent/carers, should aim to arrive at school for 3.10.
- Parent/carers, should maintain a 2m gap between their household and people from another household in the queue along the school fence.
- At 3.10, parents/carers will be allowed access to the playground from the main school gate.
- They will walk over to the school's football pitch where staff from each of the 3 bubbles will be bringing the children from their bubble ready to be picked up.
- Parents and carers, should collect their child and exit the playground as soon as possible via the gate on Sandon Mount.

What happens if I have made the decision to not send my child back?

- I have been very clear since the Government announced its plans to reopen to more children that the decision about whether to send your child back is a very personal one and will be different depending on your family's circumstances.
- The school leaders and Governors support every parent and carer's right to decide for themselves and we will not be trying to persuade parents one way or another.
- If you decide that you are not sending your child back to school, you will not be contacted by us to give a reason why and you will not be fined by Leeds City Council.
- We will still be providing home-learning on ClassKick each week.

What happens if after a couple of weeks I change my mind and want to send my child back to school?

- If after a while your circumstances change and you would like to send your child back to school, we will need 7 day's notice.
- During this time we would ask you to make sure your household is following the Government's current guidance for social distancing to ensure that when your child joins a bubble, they are joining it safely.

Any Questions

I have tried to cover as many aspects of the reopening as possible in this letter. If you still have any questions, the school office is still unstaffed and therefore the best way to get in contact with us is via our school email martin.lumb@hunsletcarr.co.uk where we will respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience, support and understanding during these times.

Kind Regards,
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