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PARTIAL REOPENING OF SCHOOL - YEAR 6 PUPILS.

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you to let you know of our plans to welcome year 6 back to school from 22nd June, as local authority says it is now safe to do so based on the school's risk assessment. No decisions have been made yet regarding any further opening for other year groups. This will be communicated to Parents as soon as any decision is made.

We are carefully planning around Local Authority and department of Education Guidance, but have also put in our own additional measures. Obviously it is impossible to eliminate all risks in any situation, but we feel confident that we have put into place everything we possibly can to make it as safe an environment for your children as possible, whilst still making them feel like it's still 'their school'.

Cleaning

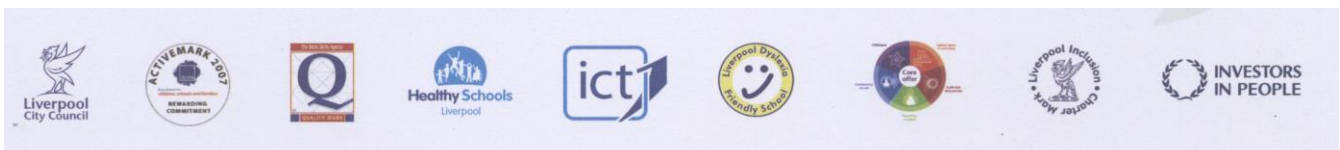
All classrooms and communal areas have been cleaned and we will continue daily cleaning of areas in use, including regularly during the school day.

We have purchased a 'fogging machine' which will fine mist a disinfectant over all surfaces in areas used by pupils on a regular basis.

Children and staff are expected to hand wash regularly and thoroughly and new hand sanitiser stations are being installed throughout the school for use at the start, end and throughout the day.

Classroom Bubbles.

Your child will be taught in a bubble of no more than 8 pupils. This allows us to socially distance desks/space 2m apart from anyone else. They will stay in this bubble all of the time in school, and will not mix with any others. Although staff will be on a rota to teach and support them, to minimise new people coming into the 'bubble'. These bubbles will then remain for the whole of the period back at school, children will not be allowed to change or move in and out. They will have their own equipment on their desk and not be expected to share. Although this sounds quite a big change, the classrooms actually look quite normal, just a bit more spaced apart. Bubbles will have their own set of toilets and only 1 child will be able to use them at a time. Children will continue to enter and exit through classroom doors. Play times will be taken at staggered intervals throughout the day and children encouraged to keep to their 2m distance – I think this will be the hard bit for them as children naturally drift together, but staff will be on hand to supervise and support them. Y6 children should attend every day.



Uniform

Your child does not need to wear uniform. We would encourage clean clothes each day, suitable for the weather and spending some of the time outside. This should include trainers. Children are not expected to wear a face mask or covering, but may choose to do so.

Lunchtime.

Pupils will be given a lunch during their time in the Bubble, or can bring a packed lunch, which they will eat in class or outside. This prevents queues or unnecessary contact in the hall between bubbles. If you pay for school lunches please do not send cash into the school office. Please use Parent Pay.

Behaviour

We continue to expect all pupils attending school to follow our school rules and to stick to the new rules about social distancing that will be shared with them on the first day. I know our pupil's behaviour is usually excellent, and we can support anyone who has difficulty understanding safety rules. However, all parents and pupils must understand that any child who deliberately breaks the safety measures in place to protect us all from COVID-19 virus, will be excluded from the setting.

Curriculum

We know that we are going to need to change our curriculum for children when they return and are basing everything around a 'Recovery Curriculum'. We will be teaching some basic skills and refreshers in Maths and English in the morning. There will be a focus on practical Maths and reading in particular, as well as some support for transition to secondary school. Pupils will also be spending time being active outside and getting involved in wellbeing and mindfulness activities. We want to gently help pupils to refresh some of their learning before they go off to their secondary schools, but also know that this is a time for pupils to be reassured and their wellbeing given priority.

Drop Off / Pick Up

Pupils will be asked to come to school and leave at slightly staggered times. Children can enter the school via **Danefield Road**. We ask that NO parents come into school via this gate, there will be a staff members on the yard to supervise children moving safely to their classroom.

Children will leave the school via the same gate at the end of the day. If you collect your child, please collect them from this gate, keeping social distancing measures in mind.

IMPORTANT:

To keep everyone as safe as possible, you MUST book your child's place so that we can safely staff it. You should not choose to come in some days and not others. Bubbles of children will be fixed. We have an indication of who may be returning on the 22nd, but following this you MUST confirm a place for your child. A member of school staff will call you to do this.

If you have any queries about school return, please contact school on office phone number above.

Mr. Ian Hunt
Headteacher

