



Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, schools have been instructed to begin planning for reopening in a phased way. For us at Russell Hall, reopening could start from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020, if the Government decides that this phase will go ahead because it is safe.

I know that many of you have reservations about sending your children back to school and quite a lot of parents have already said that they won't be sending their children back because of their family circumstances or because their personal feeling is that it is just too soon. We are respecting all individual decisions as these are your children and when it comes to safety, these are decisions we believe only you can make.

However, some parents and carers do feel that it is the right time and so for you and for those who are undecided, I am writing to try to give you some idea of what school might look like from the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Who will school be open for?**

- School will only be open to children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.
- Childcare will remain open for children of keyworkers where there is nobody else who can safely care for them.

### **What safety measures will be in place?**

The Government accepts that young children may not be able to socially distance. Where possible, we will encourage children that are able, to do so. For all children, the additional measures set out below are additional measure that we will take to minimize the risk of spreading the virus, should it be brought to school.

- Children will be sorted into groups of no more than 15. They will have assigned adults, who will work with them throughout the day. This may not be a teacher but they will be working under the direction of a teacher.
- Groups will be allocated a specific room in school. Your child's group will not be allowed to mix with other groups in school. As far as possible your child's group will remain in their allocated room for the entire day. They will only leave to collect their lunch from the dining room or to play outside (this will not be at the same time as other groups).
- Only Reception class will eat in the dining room.

### **What might learning look like?**

- Your child's allocated classroom will be minimally furnished with no soft toys or soft furnishings. Toys or equipment that are difficult to clean after each use, will also be removed.

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- Where children sit at desks, they will seat one child only and be spaced as far apart as possible within the room.
- Your child's timetable will be different. Some lessons, or aspects of lessons will not be taught because they are impossible within the government safety guidelines.
- Toilet trips and regular handwashing will be carefully managed to ensure separate groups of children do not come into contact with each other. This will be time consuming so will inevitably detract from learning time.

### **Start and end of day**

- There will be two different start times in the morning and two pick up times at the end of the day. You will be told which ones are yours and which entrance point to go to.
- Only one adult must accompany your child to school (no other children).
- Adults will not be allowed into the building unless by prior appointment.
- Children will only be allowed to bring a lunchbox from home and spare clothes for the youngest children. No other items will be allowed in the building.
- We will not be sending items home with children, including reading books, finished work or letters.

### **PPE**

- Adults will only wear PPE when giving First Aid, for intimate care of young children or for supervising children who have become unwell.

### **Suspected and confirmed cases of Coronavirus**

- In the event of a child or adult within your child's group falling ill with virus like symptoms, they will go home for seven days to self-isolate and be encouraged to be tested.
- In the event of a confirmed case within the group, all the group including your child, will be sent home to self-isolate for fourteen days and the school will seek advice for the rest of the school.

### **The following measures will also be in place to minimise risk**

- Regular handwashing throughout the day
- Regular cleaning of all occupied areas and equipment
- Immediate isolation of anyone displaying symptoms
- 2m line markers on corridors and floors throughout school, to remind children about social distancing.
- 2m markers on the ground outside for queuing to enter the building at various entrances.
- Increased use of different entrances to prevent pupil contact across different groups.

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- Children will be required to wear uniform but clothes should be laundered as frequently as possible. School may be able to provide spare t-shirts and sweatshirts that have been donated, if families would like more clothes for their child.

**It is highly likely that school will need to close for one afternoon per week in order for teachers to have Planning and Preparation time and to upload home learning for the week.**

Closer to the time, and if this plan goes ahead, you will receive individual letters giving you all the information you will need, that will be specific to your child.

This plan, is of course still subject to change, but as promised, I am trying to keep you as well informed as possible along the way so that you can make informed decisions and begin to plan for your next steps as a family.

In the meantime,

Stay safe

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Headteacher