

School Update and Opening

15h June

Wednesday, 10th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Government Announcement – Further Opening of Schools

You will have seen the announcement from the government yesterday that they are not intending on opening schools fully before the end of the Summer Term. Once again we were not aware of this announcement, have no guidance on what is expected next or are aware of any plans for September 2020. However, whilst the 2metre distancing rule is in place it does not come as a surprise that pupils will not fit in the school!

We, as a school, will review the guidance once it is out and we can start to make decisions and plan for the future. Our original intention was to do the best we could for wider opening based on the guidance. Nearly all staff have been able to be in school this week following the school Risk Assessments and are enjoying having the limited number of children we've had back in school. If anyone from Reception, or Y1 would like to take up the possibility of coming to school next week please get in contact with Mr Snape via headteacher@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk by the end of school on Thursday.

At the moment we can't take any more Y6 pupils but we may be able to do so in the following week (week beginning 22nd June).

Next Steps

- The school will review the possibility of opening Nursery for the 22nd June for those pupils moving in to Reception in September. At this point it looks unlikely it will be that soon due to room and staffing issues but we will do our best to try and make this happen for a later date.
- The school has arranged for **Y2-Y5** pupils to have the initial chance to meet virtually with their class teachers next week. **Please could all those wanting their child to meet in small groups with their teacher and another staff member complete the Seesaw Activity to indicate this ASAP.**

Online Learning Week beginning 15th June

All classes will have a limited amount of Online Learning available next week. The 3rd week in the learning cycle has been, up to now, an 'optional activity week' but all the staff felt with so few children in school and the prospect of not being fully open in the near future that they would like to continue to provide some work for next week.

- Y2-Y5 will be sending out a mix of tasks for the week whilst they hold their Small Group Virtual meetings. This will involve less work to return for marking/comments to free time for the meetings.
- Reception and Year 1 teachers will be providing ongoing online work for pupils not in school. They will do their best to maintain high quality tasks but please be aware with Miss Clarke in school this will be less likely to involve video lessons and that other staff will support with marking/comments.
- Year 6 will have access, via Seesaw links, to the Oak National Academy online home learning programme.

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Classes in School 15th June – Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

The government has stated that ‘We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff.’ But we will try and maintain a positive approach to this within the school building.

What to Bring to School

Children will need a **raincoat** (they will be outside a lot, whatever the weather). They will also need some things to stay in school - a named sunhat, sun cream and a named water bottle.

Please, no toys from home for Y1 or Y6. We know for some younger children a transition toy from home to school is important – for Foundation 2 only a completely plastic toy that can be cleaned can be brought in to school if absolutely necessary but must remain in school all week.

Children do not have to wear uniform as we are asked to make sure children come in different clothes each day. We suggest clothes and footwear that are suitable for outside play and sport so pupils do not have to get changed for physical activities (and please no jewellery).

Lunches

We are going to maintain school dinners for next week. We would prefer all children to stay dinners, but if they are packed lunch can this be sent in named disposable bags please as hard/shiny plastic items have to be cleaned on entry and this will make everything so much easier to manage.

If this trial is not successful due to time, space and clearly safety we will switch to providing a ‘sandwich bag’ lunch to be eaten in classrooms the following week.

Class Organisation 15th June

Foundation 2 – (Monday-Thursday) Drop Off and Collection Times

- **8:50 - 9.00** - F2A via Front Gate and met in the Nursery Playground, **Collection at 2.50-3.00pm.**
- **8:50 - 9.00** - F2B via Rear Green Gate and met in the Rear Playground, **Collection at 2.50-3.00pm.**

Year 1 – (Monday-Thursday) Drop Off and Collection Times

9.00 - 9.10 – Y1A and Y1B via Rear Green Gate and to be met in Rear Playground, **Collection time 3.00 – 3.10.**

Critical/Key Workers – (Monday-Friday) – Please note Room Change to Y3/4 (Mrs Gooding’s classroom)

Children will have Miss North and Mrs Boussoeine most days. This is returning to the Y3/4 as the numbers have grown again.

8:50 - 9.10 Key Workers via Front Gate to Front entrance, **Collection time 3.00-3.20** from the same place

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Year 6 – 15th June, 16th and 17th June (Monday-Wednesday)

Mrs Aldread and Miss Slinn will be the designated adults for Y6. They will be using primarily the **Y5 classroom** however if there are issues with numbers and distancing they may need to break out in to other rooms during the day. We will be expecting Year 6 to arrive at school from 9.10-9.20. We will be in contact if we are expecting them and they don't arrive. All Y6 are expected to maintain social distancing even if coming to school without their parents but again this will be positively handled.

Arrival and Leaving Times

9.10 – 9.20 Y6 pupils arrive through Front Gate and to be met at Y5 Blue Door. **They will leave school at 3.20pm.**

If you have any further questions please contact Mr Snape via headteacher@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk or call the office (being aware it may not be staffed) on 01773 872378.

Take Care and Stay Safe



Headteacher and the Pilsley Staff Team