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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for all the comments on dojo regarding the sports day event! We thoroughly enjoyed it; glad you did too. It has been wonderful to promote our school and share some positive news during this time.

We thought it would be important to write to you regarding the reopening of our school and the impact it will have on all of you and in particular our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils.

Today, we have emailed all our reception parents and carers the details of what school will be like, including a virtual tour of the new classroom set up. We have adopted the 'bubble' approach, which I am sure you are all familiar with now, especially after this week's Point West. I will put most of the information sent to reception parents on the school's website to enable our Year 1 parents and carers to read and consider our approach as we prepare to open the school more widely, during the month of June.

Some of the changes to our environment include the following:



- Lots of signage to remind us all how to use the new Social distancing rules.
- We also have a social story about the 5 's' which I will put on dojo and the school website.
- All classrooms have been cleared on the junior site and it will be deep cleaned on Friday 29th May.



After liaison with our local authority schools, and careful consideration of our environment, staff availability and the guidance issued by the government it is more than likely we will adopt the plan below:

	Week 1	Week 2		Week 3	Week 4		Week5	Week 6	Week 7	
YEAR R	Back to school		REVIEW			REVIEW				
YEAR 1				Back to school						
YEAR 6									Back to school	

This will be under regular review and any amendments will be communicated throughout this process.

Home Learning

I will not tire of reminding you that this is a '**do what you can approach**'. It is very important that you all take a break from the Home Learning next week during half term. When we return in Term 6, more staff are required to work as more children will be on site.

However, we recognise that a huge percentage of you will still be home learning and therefore our current offer will remain largely the same, but the only change you may see is that teachers will not have as much time to comment or respond.

Key Worker Bubble

To all the parents and carers, who have been bringing their children to school during the pandemic. Your children will also notice that things will be different because there will now be some more restrictions on where they can go. They will be the **key worker bubble**. The following has been put in place to protect them:

- We have removed soft furnishings, tables and chairs so there is much more space and less chance for things to be infected.
- We have provided each child with their own pack of resources. These will not be shared.
- A box of cleaning products will be used throughout the day to wipe down tables and resources used by the children (one box of cleaning products for each bubble). All resources will be cleaned at the end of the day.
- PPE will ONLY be worn when children need intimate care or are unwell i.e. sick. There are designated spaces within the school for these children to go to. If a child is unwell, the whole bubble will be sent home and the unwell child's parents will be asked to seek a test for COVID. The bubble will self-isolate.
- Bubbles of children also have designated toilets and only one child at a time is allowed to use them.

LUNCHTIME

- Each Bubble has a designated play space. No bubbles will physically interact. The Key Worker bubble plays on the Lodge playground.
- Lunches from the kitchen are available. **They will only be serving sandwiches**. If you require a school sandwich, **please use Parent Pay** to book one. Lunches will be eaten in their bubble classroom.
- If you have to pay for anything, please avoid using cash. The office will advise you.
- You may provide packed lunch for your child.
- Please do not bring extra bags. Children only need a drink, snack and lunch box.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell and or have a high temperature. Check your child's temperature everyday and wash their hands before they leave the house.

Many of you who have been attending school will know this, however the key worker bubble is growing and it is important that we continue to review our environment and communicate what is in place.

All children attending under the key worker status will enter the school through the main office, respecting social distancing when they arrive.



COMMUNICATION

Preferred communication with school at this time is via the office email or telephone. The office staff are returning to work to support with communication. **We are not** advising conversations with staff at the door. It is imperative we keep each other safe by respecting this distance communication.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

For those of you who have been accessing free school meals, this service will continue as it has been, but the only option available will be sandwiches.