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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am now writing to confirm our arrangements for the full re-opening of school provision in September.

In this letter, I will attempt to provide you with further information around the wider opening of our school, to enable you to plan, make the necessary arrangements and also prepare your child for what will be quite a different school experience. This information takes account of the citywide principles agreed by York Schools and Academies Board and should also be read in conjunction with:-

- Our SYMAT Coronavirus Protocol.
- Our School Risk Assessment.

Both of these documents have been updated to reflect new government guidance and will be uploaded to our school website. It is important to note that they are subject to consultation and ongoing revision.

As we are all aware the national COVID response is continually under review and subject to change, often at short notice. Discussions between professional bodies and the government are also ongoing and therefore these can only be **'potential'** plans. However, I will endeavour to provide you with as much warning as possible if we need to make any significant changes to our arrangements in the coming weeks.

Throughout the summer holidays, our plans and risk assessments will be under daily review to ensure they reflect the most up-to-date guidance and any emerging issues nationally and locally.

The health and safety of staff and pupils is a guiding principle in every decision we make. We can't promise to eliminate all risk, we can only seek to minimise it as much as possible.

Timescales

If we are able to proceed with full reopening of schools in September, we will look to work to the following timescales:

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September 2020- Site Preparation and Staff Training Day	On these two training days, the site will be closed to all children. This will allow site preparations to be finalised and staff training to take place.
Wednesday 9th September 2020	We hope to welcome all children back to school



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Our Approach to Social Distancing in School

As government guidance acknowledges early years and primary children cannot be expected to always remain 2 metres, or even 1 metre apart, from each other, we are introducing the following measures:-

- Pupils will be organised into year group bubbles. Children will remain in these bubbles and bubbles will not mix at any point throughout the school day.
- Each group will be taught and supervised by the same group of adults, wherever possible. Some staff do need to work with more than one bubble e.g. to allow for curriculum delivery, teacher planning and preparation time and staff breaks. Staff are encouraged to maintain distances, wherever possible.
- Each group will be allocated a classroom space and teaching resources. These will also remain consistent. Where possible, unnecessary items of furniture and resources will be removed from classrooms, especially soft furnishings, soft toys and resources that are hard to clean. We will continue to use the space outdoors as much as possible.
- Resources will need to be thoroughly cleaned before they can be used by a different group of children.
- Desks will be forward facing, where space allows and whilst Reception and Year 1 children tend not to work at tables, available space will be utilised and tasks planned to encourage children to work side-by-side as opposed to face-to-face, where possible.
- We will implement frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices. All groups will be provided with tissues and alcohol-based hand gel.
- Children will be issued with their own desk space, where appropriate, and their own named pack of resources e.g. pencil, ruler, whiteboard pen etc
- We will operate a staggered approach to arrival times, departures times, breaks and lunchtimes.
- Each group will have designated toilet facilities. Only one group will be able to access the facilities at a time. Toilet facilities will be cleaned more frequently throughout the school day.
- Personal Protective Equipment will be provided for staff. This is only to be used in line with our Coronavirus Protocol.
- Where it is necessary to use supply staff, those individuals will be expected to comply with the school's arrangements for managing and minimising risk, including taking particular care to maintain distance from other staff and pupils.
- Initially we will not be running any extra-curricular clubs or music lessons in school.

Enhanced Cleaning

Cleaners will be operating on site throughout each school day. They will maintain safe distances at all times. Touch points, including desks and hard surfaces will be cleaned systematically throughout the day. All bins will be emptied twice a day and toilets cleaned at least three times a day. All rooms will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day.

Class Organisation

The children have been organised into 7 year-group bubbles. The arrival and departure arrangements for each bubble are detailed in the table below. Please note: Year 2 pupils will be in the same bubble. They will share the same breaks and will be taught together for some lessons. The same applies to Y6 pupils.



Children	Class teacher(s)	Start Date	Room	Drop off/ Collection location	Drop off time	Collection time
Reception	Mrs Gilderdale	9/9/20	(G32)	KS1 Playground	W.B 7.9.2020 only Surnames A-C at 9:05am Surnames G-L at 9:15am Surnames M-R at 9:25am Surnames S-Z at 9:35am W.B 16.9.2020 onwards -all arrive at 9:05am	3:30pm
Year 1	Miss Jarvis	9/9/20	(G37)	KS1 Playground	8:45am	3:10pm
Year 2	Mr Gargiulo Mrs Abbott/ Mrs Rowntree	9/9/20	(G21) (G25)	KS1 Playground	8:55am	3:20pm
Year 3	Mrs Todd/ Mrs Jones	9/9/20	(G64)	KS2 Playground	9:00am	3:25pm
Year 4	Mrs Priest/ Mrs Subritzky	9/9/20	(G63)	KS2 Playground	8:50am	3:15pm
Year 5	Mrs Elliott/ Mrs Subritzky	9/9/20	(G59)	KS2 Playground	8:40am	3:05pm
Year 6	Miss Dunn Miss Dickenson	9/9/20	(G11) (G60)	KS2 Playground	8:30am	2:55pm

(Please note: the room numbers are listed for internal purposes and relate to our school building plan. Also groups may be taught/supported by additional adults to allow for PPA, staff breaks etc)

As you can imagine, punctuality is going to be very important. In the interests of everyone's safety, we ask that:

- All pupils (including Year 6) are to be dropped off and collected by only one adult.
- Parents drop off/collect at allocated time/point, ensuring social distance is maintained at all times.
- Parents must not gather at gates/entrances and must not enter the building unless by prior appointment.

If for any reason you are late, please proceed to the main entrance, maintaining a safe distance from others. A member of staff will be happy to help.

Attendance at School

Attendance for all pupils is mandatory from the beginning of the Autumn term, including for pupils who have, so far, been advised to shield at home. Pupils who are self-isolating due to presenting with symptoms of coronavirus, or have been exposed to somebody presenting with symptoms of coronavirus, must not attend school until the self-isolation period has passed or they test negative for coronavirus. If your child presents with coronavirus symptoms,



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the self-isolation period is seven days; if a member of your household presents with coronavirus symptoms, the self-isolation period for your child is 14 days.

Pupils who cannot attend school at the start of the Autumn term due to sickness or self-isolation requirements will be educated remotely. If this circumstance arises, the school will discuss with you how your child can access remote education.

Curriculum Offer

The priority for our children, as they move back into school, will be around resocialisation in to new-style school routines. The different experiences all pupils will have had at home will naturally play a part in how easily they readapt to school and its routines. Staff will provide plenty of reassurance and opportunities to talk as they assess and plan for their next steps in learning.

Remote education may need to be an essential component in the delivery of the school curriculum for some pupils, alongside classroom teaching or in the case of a local lockdown. It will need to align as closely as possible with in-school provision. We are continuing to develop our remote learning protocols and practices to ensure that, moving forward, they can be easily implemented when needed and will be manageable and sustainable for staff.

School Lunches

Initially we will be asking Caterlink to provide grab bags for children in school- we will not be providing meals via the usual cafeteria system. Children will also be able bring their own packed lunch if they prefer. Lunches will be eaten in classrooms following the cleaning of tables and handwashing routines.

Grab bags can be ordered in the usual way by emailing the school office. These will be prepared in the school kitchen and delivered to the classrooms every day. **Special diets will be catered for but this must be stipulated when you order.** There will be no charge for pupils in EYFS, KS1 or children in receipt of free school meals. Payments for all other year groups can be made via Parentpay. The 'Grab Bag' menu will be provided by Caterlink at the start of the Autumn Term. It will also be published on our school website.

School Uniform

We ask that children wear school uniform and recommend that it is washed as frequently as possible, preferably daily. Please ensure that children always bring a sweatshirt/cardigan- we are aiming for maximum ventilation in the rooms so it can get chilly! Also please could you ensure your child always brings a jacket- we do go outside in showers.

Equipment

Children should **only** bring a PE kit in a small bag, a water bottle and their book bag. All other resources and stationery will be provided. **No pencil cases or large backpacks please- we are unable to store these in school!**

Hygiene

Children will wash their hands as soon as they arrive in school and before leaving. They will also wash them frequently throughout the day such as after break times and before and after eating. Children will be supervised to ensure they are washing and drying their hands thoroughly.

Hand sanitisers, tissues and lidded waste bins will be in every classroom. Bins will be located by the classroom door to enable site staff to empty regularly without entering the room. Good respiratory hygiene will be promoted using the 'Catch it Bin it Kill it' posters.

Signage

There will be signage in place in all classrooms, corridors and toilets reminding the children of good hygiene and safe distances. All classrooms will be kept well-ventilated throughout the day.



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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Every classroom has a first aid kit and a supply of PPE to be used in accordance with our Covid protocols. Staff will be briefed on the correct use and disposal of PPE. Some staff may choose to wear visors when working with children.

Visiting School

No visitors or contractors will be allowed on site unless absolutely necessary or in the case of an emergency. Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed in to the school building, without prior appointment.

Wrap Around Care and Out of School Activities

Initially school will not be offering extra-curricular clubs as this would usually involve visitors into school and social mixing across bubbles.

The latest government guidance advises parents to limit the number of different wraparound providers that they access, as far as possible, and where parents use childcare providers or out of school activities for their children, parents should seek assurances that the providers are carefully considering their own protective measures, and only use those providers that can demonstrate this.

I am happy to work with local providers of wrap around care to find solutions which will facilitate drop off and collection times, without compromising school safety procedures.

As always, please feel free to email me if there is anything you would like me to clarify further and I will continue to provide you with updates on the school's position as news unfolds. **As I mentioned earlier, if our plan needs to change significantly, I will try to provide you with as much notice as possible.**

Once again, my heartfelt thanks and appreciation goes out to the whole of our school community- pupils, parents, staff, governors, trustees and SYMAT colleagues- for the patience, understanding and care you have afforded me over the past four months. Every school year presents new challenges but this one has been particularly interesting! I feel incredibly privileged to work within such a supportive village.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September. Stay safe!

With very best wishes,



Caroline Hancy

Headteacher

