

Thomas Fairchild Restart Programme Phase 2

I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the sunshine over the past week and are keeping safe and well. I would like to update you on our restart programme.

As you may know, the government has confirmed that schools **will** be re-opening to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils from Monday 1st June. I explained in my last letter that we will be organising our pupils into mixed age house team 'hubs' which will be separate from each other throughout the school day. These hubs will return to school from Tuesday 2nd June In the following order:

Tuesday 2nd June: Red house starts.

Wednesday 3rd June: Blue and Green houses start.

Thursday 4th June: Black and Yellow houses start.

You will receive a text to explain which house team your child is in and your start date.

Ensuring the safety of all pupils and adults in school is our top priority. In order for this to happen, we must ensure house teams have the same pupils and the same adults working with them throughout the week. For this system to work, it is vital that your child attends **everyday from their start date**. Reducing the likelihood of virus transmission within house teams will be compromised if we have pupils starting, for example in week 2 or attending some days and not others.

Although we have assigned your child a house team colour, this may be subject to change during the first week depending on numbers of pupils attending school. This is to ensure equitable staff-pupil ratios and ensure there is a mix of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils in each house team so your child will have someone of their own age.

If your work situation changes and your child needs to return to school, please contact the school office. You will be contacted by a member of SLT and offered a start date as any additional children will create a new 'hub' to ensure the safety of children already attending. We of course await June 15th and any further guidance from the government around this.

A note to parents/carers of Year 6 pupils: we will **not** be allowing year 6 pupils to travel to and from school alone because we have concerns about the changes we have seen in the local area since lockdown and the consequent safety of our pupils. Year 6 pupils will need to be accompanied by an adult or a sibling who is over 16.

Finally, our return on June 2nd is to provide an education for your child which will understandably look different to their schooling before lockdown. I think it is important for your child to understand that although some routines will be different, there are many aspects of school that remain the same including our expectations of behaviour and attitudes. In order to facilitate this, I would be grateful if you would send your child in uniform wherever possible. As per my previous letter, settling your child, enjoying outdoors and ensuring they are happy and safe remains our priority.

I would like to express again my deep gratitude for your support and understanding through this difficult time. Some aspects of school have changed but the fundamental values of this federation – high expectations, openness, lifelong learning and tolerance – have not. Our commitment to your child's well-being and expectations of your child remain as they were before this crisis happened.

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