

Ashbourne Primary School

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Dear Parents,

After receiving conflicting guidance from the Local Authority, I am pleased to inform you that we can now go ahead as planned with our small group provision for year 6 from 10th June. You will be informed of your child's dates via dojo if you have signed up for the provision.

Risk assessments are in place, rooms measured and furniture rearranged to take into account the 2-metre distancing rule. We have worked hard to take account of: the staff we have available to work; the space we have to work in; the rigorous safety measures that we need to implement to try to avoid catching the virus and passing it on; the emotional wellbeing of our children and staff. Although the Government guidance forms the basis for our planning, final decisions have been (and will continue to be) made that are best for our children, staff and wider communities. I know that everyone involved will want to work together to ensure the safest possible working conditions for everyone.

There will be 1 table and 1 chair per child and there will be no movement around the room in order to reduce any risk of contact and maintain social distancing.

Although parents will be able to change their minds and NOT send their child in, it is unlikely we will be able to take any child where the parent told us they would not be coming; this is due to the space which has now been organised.

Start and end of day

Year 6 pupils should arrive at school between 9.10am – 9.20am (no earlier or later) and approach the front door individually.

- Children will need to stand and wait patiently 2 metres apart. Staff will then let them in, one at a time.
- Parents must not come into the school building. If you walk down the drive with your child, please observe social distancing rules. Please leave once you have dropped off to allow other children to safely arrive.

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- The school day will finish at 3:00pm and children must be collected.
- Please be there on time by 3:00pm to collect your child as the other group of children in school finish at 3:15pm.

Infection control and social distancing

Please talk to your children about the following:

- The use of sanitizer on entry to the school building
- Handwashing on entry to the classroom and regular handwashing through out the day for 20 seconds.
- Good hygiene promoting the 'catch it, kill it, bin it' approach.
- Maintaining a 2 metre distance from staff and other pupils.

Illness

- If your child is displaying any symptoms, please keep them at home.
- Any child who displays symptoms when at school, will be sent home. If the only symptom displayed has been a cough, we will send the child home and liaise with the parents to see if it persists. If there is a persistent cough or temperature, children will have to be tested and will not be able to return to school until they have been cleared or gone through the subsequent isolation period.
- Parents will be expected to ensure that there is never a time that there will not be an adult available to collect a child within 45 minutes of receiving a call from school. If the child needs to go home because of symptoms, our school will have an area that is not used for anything else where the child will be isolated whilst being supervised by an adult who can maintain at least 2m distance throughout. Weather permitting, this will take place outside.
- If there is a confirmed case in school, we will enact policies to test and/ or isolate the rest of the class and all parents will be informed.
- In order to ensure the safety of the school community, it is vital that any parents choosing to send their child to school respect all Government guidance and are not mixing with others outside their households beyond the current regulations. If the school has evidence that this is not the case, then we reserve the right not to provide places for those children.

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- Although we do not expect this to be the case, where children are unable to follow the protocols that are put in place for the safety of everyone we may have to ask parents to keep that child at home.

Communication

If you need to speak to a member of staff, we advise that you telephone or dojo your query to school so that it can be answered; we cannot facilitate the normal face to face talks at the door.

Catering

School meals will be provided if your child normally has these. Children who usually have sandwiches are able to continue to bring in their own packed lunches. Children may bring filled water bottles; if they forget them we are not able to accept these at the door and children will be able to have drinks of water provided by school instead.

Uniform and items from home

Children are to come to school dressed own clothes/footwear suitable for outdoors. These clothes need to be changed daily to ensure that germs are not carried from one day to the next.

Please ensure that they have sun hats and sun cream with them for times when they may be outside.

We hope that your child can enjoy their last few days of primary school with us and we are all looking forward to seeing them.

Kind regards,

Paula Whysall

Headteacher