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Reopening of School-What will school look like?

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those who have returned the survey. Many of you have asked about the kinds of measures that will be in place to ensure safety. It is a matter of fact that we cannot actually **ensure** safety.

We are now focused on making a careful, measured and methodical plan for a possible phased reopening of school for some year groups. This has to be built on the highest safety standards which we can put in place and maintain. However we can only work within the government guidelines provided; the safety of children and adults is of paramount importance. Our plan will be based on the availability of staff (some fall into the vulnerable categories and cannot work with children at this time), and available space for children to be in.

For parents considering children returning to school this is how the school will have to operate:

Classroom 'bubbles'

- A group of children (no more than 15) with 2 members of staff that will stay together as a 'bubble'. These groups will not be able to mix during the day. Groups will be staffed by available adults, not necessarily by the children's original teachers.
- Children will not be able to 'wander' or move around in rooms except when necessary i.e. for the toilet.
- All age groups in school will be sitting at individual desks, with up to 2 metres in between.
- The curriculum will not be followed as it was before lockdown.
- Learning will take place outside where possible.
- No free movement of children/adults. Children will operate within the same 'bubble' every day.
- **No physical contact between children and staff e.g. handholding for young children.**
- No equipment to be sent into school or taken home; only water bottles, packed lunches and a coat.
- Very limited equipment i.e. everything must be cleaned daily therefore soft furnishings, games, equipment which are difficult to clean will be removed from classrooms.
- Rooms will be ventilated with windows open and doors propped open.
- Children to wear own clothes which are to be changed daily; no watches or jewellery to be worn. We will be encouraging children to wash up to their elbows.
- Hand sanitiser in each room and classroom.
- Regular hand washing, including on entry to school.
- Lidded, double bagged bins in each room. Waste to be disposed of safely.
- Encouraging good respiratory hygiene- 'catch it, bin it, kill it.'
- Children 'taught' to follow hygiene rules e.g. hand washing, no social interaction, doing as much for themselves as possible such as wiping down their work areas.
- Frequently touched surfaces, equipment, door handles and toilets used during the day will be cleaned thoroughly throughout the day.
- There will be no breakfast or afterschool clubs.

Outdoors

- No playground equipment to be used.
- Adventure playground cannot be used.
- Staggered lunchtimes and break times.

Signs of illness

- If a child is ill or needs changing, the staff member will have to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) to deal with them.
- Any child displaying **any symptoms of illness** must stay at home. This includes coughs, colds, abdominal pain, vomiting or diarrhoea, sore throats and headaches. We also ask that you regularly check your child's temperature and if it is above 37.2 degrees then they will need to stay at home.
- If a child displays any of these symptoms they must be kept at home for a period of **at least 7 days**. This is to ensure that the children and staff are able to continue to attend school and stay well. If someone else in the home is displaying any COVID 19 symptoms children must stay away from school for 14 days.

Daily Arrangements

- Only one parent to drop off/pick up child.
- Use 1 way system to bring/collect children.
- Maintain social distancing in the playground whilst collecting child.
- Staggered starting and end time to the school day (different groups attend and leave at different times). Group times must be strictly adhered to avoid overlap of groups.
- Marked pathways and 1 way system outside and inside school.
- Parents will be unable to come into the school building.
- Children and parents will not be able to gather in groups in school or out of school.

This is what schools are required to put into place before children can return.

The final plan will consist of a timetable for groups of children to gradually join the school i.e. not all groups will be able to attend on 8th June. Year 6 and children of Key workers will be the first to be invited into school followed by Reception. Other year groups (Year 1 and then Nursery) could only then be invited to return if there is sufficient space and staff to create new 'bubbles'. This order of return has been agreed by Salford Schools and the Local Authority. In the light of the government expectations in terms of health and safety, all parents must understand that school will be a very different place; learning will be different, as will daily timetables and schedules. A return to 'learning' as it was is not possible within these confines.

If you still have not replied to the survey or were unsure when answering please revisit it via the link on the front page of the website.

Thank you for your continued support.

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