

22 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. As we face the difficult challenge of responding to COVID-19 our thoughts go out to those affected by this event and we send heartfelt thanks to the healthcare workers, local communities and governments around the world working to contain this unprecedented situation. The most important thing, I am sure I will keep repeating is that we stay positive and supportive as a community.

These are unprecedented times and I cannot stress that although CPS has chosen to follow the government's guidance as far as possible, every school is different and every Head Teacher will endeavour to make the best decisions for the safety of their school communities as they can. This means CPS provision and offer may differ. We have worked very closely with our ELT schools to support one another in this process although our schools are quite different and so our provision will differ.

I am aware of the difficult decisions which some of you have been required to make. Be assured that you know your child best. We respect your decision. When we begin to return, we will be mindful of transition and we have a survey for you to complete. For those children not returning to the eligible year groups, be equally assured that when September comes we will be ready to receive them; we will support their wellbeing and work with you to ensure they are not disadvantaged. Google classroom will continue for all throughout this term.

Our bubbles are now formed and **will not** change moving forward. This is to prevent a bubble from 'bursting'. The purpose of a smaller group which is socially distanced from all other groups minimises viral spread and if there is an outbreak it can be more easily contained. Once your child takes up a place in a bubble they are expected by the government to be back in school for the rest of the term.

The government's guidance is to prioritise Key Worker Bubbles, then Reception, then Year 1 and finally Year 6, **beginning** the phased return from 1<sup>st</sup> June.

We have now drawn up plans for the children's return. Once the first phase of Key Workers has returned we will endeavour to keep to these proposed dates:

- All keyworker bubbles will return on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- Reception bubbles will return on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June.
- Year 1 bubbles will return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- Year 6 bubbles will return on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Please note for all bubbles except keyworkers, start and end times will be staggered and school will be closed Friday afternoon for deep cleaning and PPA. Please see attached document.

INSET Day: Remains as 10<sup>th</sup> July: school will be closed to all children.

Our school is going to feel very different however, we will continue to show children our care and prioritise '*safe and healthy*' our first value (which includes mental health) in many ways, which does not involve close contact.

**It is important that we reduce anything that could carry the virus between home and school.**

Please refer to my last email for guidance as to what your child will need for their return.

We attach a revised behaviour 'contract' for you to read and share with your child. The child friendly version will also be shared with bubbles on their return.

For your convenience, please also find attached your child's bubble.

- If you wish, they may also bring named hand cream in to remain here with their other possessions. As always, we recommend a long lasting sun cream is applied before school; sunhats may be needed too.
- Children will be given a selection of books each Monday, to be returned each Friday. Children should continue to complete their reading journals / diaries at home only.
- Latest guidance regarding face masks: your child may not wear a face mask in school.
- Children should not wear any jewellery or watches to facilitate good hygiene practices.
- Pencil cases: Staff have also suggested a lidded pencil sharpener which collects 'sharpenings' would be a useful addition to your child's stationary.



Katie ran 5k for the NHS - an incredible achievement for a very worthy cause! Well done Katie! You really are living our values!

Thank you to Helen and Kate who have been an amazing parent working party! What a difference!





During half term, there is no expectation for you to continue with home schooling and staff will not be setting work and will be 'off-duty' when not on the daily rota to care for our keyworker and vulnerable children. However if you wish to maintain a routine there are lots of activities you can do linked to the picture attached or continue with a project you have started, it is entirely up to you!  
Have a restful, safe and sunny half term break.

Kind Regards,

*Mrs Sandra Cunningham*

Head Teacher

