



# Ferndale Primary and Nursery School

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of key worker children and children in Reception, Year1 and Year 6,

We are now in a position to explain in more detail what returning to school will look like for your child.

Approximately half of all children in these year groups will be returning to school. The children in each class have been split into two bubbles. Each bubble will contain a maximum of 15 children. Children will remain in those bubbles throughout, as it states in the government guidelines. Staff will carefully consider the mixture of children in each class, considering a number of factors that will include friendships. It is important that parents understand that their child is unlikely to be taught by their own class teacher or be taught in their own classroom and these bubbles cannot be altered. Each bubble will have their own working space, outdoor space and set of toilets. These will be clearly set out/marked for all children.

The school will also remain open for vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers.

There will be a deep clean of the school this Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. Each week the school will be cleaned as normal in the evenings and then a deeper clean will take place every Wednesday between the swapping over of bubbles.

We have created a detailed plan that takes into account Government recommendations. Precautions we will be taking include:

- 🌍 Ensuring pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms remain at home
- 🌍 Increasing the regularity of cleaning and increasing hand washing
- 🌍 Limiting class sizes and creating 'bubbles' of staff and children
- 🌍 Staggering break times and lunchtimes and zoning areas of the school, including outdoor areas
- 🌍 Allocating bubbles a set of toilets and allocating children a designated table
- 🌍 Minimising the amount of equipment or resources that children use that cannot be effectively cleaned
- 🌍 All children having packed lunch. Where children who require one will have a packed lunch provided that will be delivered to their designated rooms (you can of course provide your own packed lunch for your child).

Please understand that this will not be 'school as normal'. Your child will need your support to help them prepare for the very different environment they will be coming in to and the different experiences they will have. We will be putting a video together for each bubble that you can watch with your child. It will show your child where and how they will be coming into school each day and what their classroom will look like. These videos will be available on our YouTube account from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May – search Ferndale Primary and Nursery School on <https://www.youtube.com/>.

It is essential that if your child, or anyone in your household, is unwell and presenting with any symptoms of illness that they remain at home. A non-touch thermometer will be used to check children's temperatures if we are concerned about their health. If in doubt, we will contact you to arrange for you to collect your child immediately and we will expect you to arrive as quickly as possible giving us your full support with this.

We will also be expecting all families whose children are in school to be following the Government's guidelines on social distancing whilst at home. This is very important as it means, everyone working together to protect one another.

The days your children will be in are as follows:

<b>Monday &amp; Tuesday</b>		
	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Teaching Assistant</b>
Little Ferns	Mrs Nolan, Sarah and Megan	
Avebury Bubble A	Miss O'Sullivan	Mrs Cole
Avebury Bubble B	Miss Salamanca	Mrs Griffiths
Loch Ness Bubble A	Mrs Curtis	Mrs Hall
Loch Ness Bubble B	Mrs Prevost	Mrs Chase
Barrier Reef Bubble A	Mrs Billingham	Mrs Uzzell
Barrier Reef Bubble B	Mrs Humphrey	Mrs Mansfield
<b>Thursday &amp; Friday</b>		
	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Teaching Assistant</b>
Tiny Acorns	Nicky, Michelle & Mrs Azavedo	
Uffington Bubble A	Mrs Lanham & Mrs Stevens	
Uffington Bubble B	Mrs Rouse	Mrs Upton
Tintagel Bubble A	Mrs Barder	Miss Connell
Tintagel Bubble B	Miss Modasia	Mrs Payne
Uluru Bubble A	Mrs Mann	Miss Curnock
Uluru Bubble B	Mrs Hulin	Mrs Frost

<b>Key Worker/ Vulnerable Children</b>			
	<b>Monday &amp; Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday &amp; Friday</b>
Bubble A	Mrs Storey & Miss Miller	Mrs Nadin & Mrs Fenna	Miss Evans and Miss Moxham
Bubble B	Miss Jones & Mrs Witherington	Miss Banks & Mrs Barton	Mr Truman and Mrs Hobbs

Each bubble will have their own time and entry point for the start of the school day and the same again at the end of the school day. These are staggered to allow for social distancing to remain in place. Timings are as follows (map at the end of the letter):

#### **8.45a.m. Key workers/Vulnerable children**

Parents for both bubbles will leave their children at the main gate to the playground.

Bubble A children will be asked to go and stand on a spot (creating their line ready to enter school), this will be set up close to Zambezi. Please note that this group will now be in Zambezi class and not Amazon class as the map at the end states.

Bubble B children will be asked to line up close to the door by Park Guell classroom. They will follow the same process.

The school gate will be opened 5 minutes before at 8:40a.m. There will be a member of staff outside to help guide your child. The school gate will not be opened any earlier so please don't arrive earlier than this time.

#### **8:45a.m. Year 1**

Bubble A will enter via the doors next to the staff room, which come on to the library space.

Bubble B will wait in the courtyard, there will be markers so you can wait at a social distance. Bubble B will enter via the door in the courtyard that brings you in by Tintagel class.

Markers will be placed for you to wait with your child. You will say good bye to your child before they enter the school building as you will not be allowed in with them. Children will be sent in one at a time.

### **8:55a.m. Year 6**

Bubble A will queue outside Barrier Reef's door, markers will be placed to show the children where to wait. There will be a one-way system in and out for any parents queuing with their child. When leaving after dropping your child off you will go on the grass alongside the forest.

Bubble B to queue outside Uluru's door, markers will be placed outside. Again, there will be a one way system set up.

### **9.00a.m. FS2**

Bubble A will wait by the red door entrance opposite the Fernbrook building. Markers will be placed to show the children and parents where to wait.

Bubble B will enter via the courtyard door which is opposite the Year 2 classrooms.

Please remember you won't be allowed inside the school building with your child so will have to say goodbye to them outside of the building. Please talk your child at home about this so they are prepared, it will be explained in their video too.

### **9.20a.m. Nursery**

Both bubbles to wait in a line along the pathway by the side of the forest, there will be markers to guide where to stand.

Please remember you won't be allowed inside the mobile building with your child so will have to say goodbye to them outside of the building. Please talk your child at home about this so they are prepared, it will be explained in their video too.

Pick up points at the end of the school day will be from the same point and we ask that you queue using the markers whilst waiting for your child. The children will be released one at a time and this may take longer than normal end of school release so please bear this in mind.

Timings for picking your child up at the end of the day are:

2.30p.m. all Nursery children

3.00p.m. for all FS2 children

3.10p.m. for all Key Worker/Vulnerable children

3.15p.m. for all Year 1 children

3.20p.m. for all Y6 children

If you have a sibling in a bubble with a different start time, we ask that you bring both children in at the later start time. At the end of the day, we ask that you collect both children at the earlier end time. The older sibling will be taken to the younger sibling's exit point.

It is very important that you only arrive at school in time for your child's start/end of day time. It is also very important that you are not late at the start or the end of the day so that all bubbles can enter/exit school effectively and safely.

To further support your child's return to school and the safety of all, we ask for the following points to be followed:

- 🌍 If the weather is nice your child will be outside at some point during the school day so please apply sun-cream on them before they come to school.
- 🌍 No parents to enter the school building and all parents will have limited access to the outside areas.
- 🌍 No children to arrive earlier than their start times and no child to be picked up late.
- 🌍 The school car parks at both sides of the school are not to be used by parents unless you have a disabled badge. This badge must clearly be on display.
- 🌍 We will not be allowing bikes and scooters to school from the children, we can discuss any Year 6 children individually if this is a problem.
- 🌍 Markers on the ground will indicate where the children/parents need to wait.
- 🌍 Only one adult to bring their child to school and pick up.
- 🌍 Staff will not be in a position to have lengthy conversations with parents. This will not be a normal school routine.
- 🌍 If you need to speak to the school office please do so over the phone or by email, you will not be able to access the school office.
- 🌍 Children must not bring any items in from home other than: lunchbox, water bottle, snack and coat. These items must be bought in individually and not in a school bag as they will be placed in individual baskets/drawers.
- 🌍 No items will be sent home from school, your child will have a book to read in school but this will not be coming home.
- 🌍 All children to wear school uniform (other than school shoes), we ask that for those children who are in school for 2 days, that they wear a different uniform each day. Therefore, minimising the risk of cross contamination between school and home.
- 🌍 Your child will be doing PE once a fortnight, they will not be getting changed for PE and do not need to bring a PE kit in. We ask that your child always has sensible shoes on, these can be trainers.
- 🌍 The tuck shop and free fruit will not be available, if you would like your child to have a snack at morning play-time you will need to provide one from home. Please make sure it is a snack your child can open by themselves.
- 🌍 Lunches will be packed lunches only. Please make sure your child can open everything in their lunchbox by themselves.
- 🌍 Those children who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch. This is not universal free school meals. If your child is entitled to free school meals you can of course provide your own, I would kindly ask you let the office know if you are providing your own so we know how many lunches to prepare each day.
- 🌍 If your child has been allocated Thursday and Friday as their days in school it is essential that they do the home learning provided by their year group on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as their learning will follow on from this.
- 🌍 Please note the gate by the side of Fernbrook, which leads onto the main school playground, will not be opened.

I hope this letter helps provide you with the information you need as you prepare your child for returning to school.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support

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