Seely Primary & Nursery School

Co Headteachers: Mrs S Pearce & Mrs J Newton

12.6.20

Dear Parents and Carers,



We know that you are getting a lot of information from us at the moment but we want to ensure that you are as fully informed as possible about our plans and preparations going forward for the wider opening of the school. Please read this update carefully:

Monday 15th June 2020

From Monday onwards we will be operating a one-way system into school and staff will be around to remind parents and children about keeping a 2 metre distance. We ask parents not to come past the main gates with their children in order to reduce the risk of crowding. Can you please talk with your children that you will be unable to bring them through as before but that staff will be there to meet them. We do appreciate that one or two parents do need to come in as previously agreed.

We very much look forward to welcoming back our Year 6 cohort. All the parents have been spoken to and communications have been sent about the steps we have been taking to ensure that everyone is as safe as we can make it. Please can parents and carers prepare their children for entering the school safely; we know they will be excited to see their friends after such a long break. For safety they should not congregate in close groups.

In order to help ease congestion at the gates, please arrive at the designated times that you have been given and leave promptly:

- Children of key workers and those who have already been coming to school need to arrive between 8.50am and 9am
- Year 6 need to arrive between 9.10 and 9.20am

This will ensure that we can register the children efficiently and get them to their rooms. We will really appreciate your assistance with this.

Coronavirus symptoms

Anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or has displayed symptoms in the previous 7 days, or lives with someone who has displayed symptoms in the previous 14 days, **should not attend school** unless they have tested negative for coronavirus. Please inform school immediately. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Emerging plans

Going forward, we are waiting clarification on when we can open to Year 1 children. There isn't a date for this as yet and it will be set by the local authority. However, staff will be contact the parents of Year 1 pupils at the start of next week to confirm if a place is needed in school for when we get the go-ahead.

With our increase in numbers, our priorities still must be the children of critical workers and vulnerable families. At the moment we can accommodate Year 6 fully. As we admit more children into school it may be that we must look at part-time placements if the demand for places is high.

We appreciate that you are having a lot to think about, and we respect your decisions if you feel that you are unable to send your child into school at the moment. The government have made it clear that in these circumstances parents will not be fined for non-attendance.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us. Have a good weekend.

Regards

Mrs Pearce and Mrs Newton

Co-Head teachers