

21st May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Cedars Primary School and Nursery phased re-opening from 1st June 2020

Following careful and meticulous planning and Governor approval, I am pleased to be able to share with you Cedars phased re-opening plan from the 1st June 2020. We are expecting the Government to make their final decision on 28th May 2020 on whether schools will re-open from the 1st June 2020. I will confirm with you as soon as I know.

As you are aware from the annual calendar shared with you in September 2019, Monday 1st June 2020 is an INSET day for Cedars Primary School and Nursery. Not all staff are expected to work on this day and therefore for safety reasons **we are unable to fully open**. On Monday 1st June we will be able to provide school care provision for children in **years 2, 3, 4 and 5 only**. From Tuesday 2nd June we will re-open for children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 6**.

Home-School Online Learning

From Monday 1st June 2020, on a weekly basis, home-school learning will still be available for **all year groups** on our website

The Curriculum (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 6)

As a parent/carer of a child in Nursery, Reception Year 1 and 6, at this present moment in time you have a choice whether to send your child back to school. You will not be penalised if you choose to keep your child at home. Your child will be able to continue to access the home-school online learning from the Cedars' website.

For children that attend our nursery or school, the following curriculum approach will be taken:

- ✚ Nursery - the theme of the learning will be same as the home-school learning. The early years curriculum will be delivered as far as possible. Children's mental health and well-being and speaking and listening will be the focus.
- ✚ Reception - the theme of the learning will be same as the home-school learning. The early years curriculum will be delivered as far as possible. Children's mental health and well-being alongside reading will be the focus.
- ✚ Year 1 - the theme of the learning will be same as the home-school learning. Children's mental health and well-being alongside reading will be the focus.
- ✚ Year 6 - the theme of the learning will be same as the home-school learning. Children's mental health and well-being alongside preparation for secondary school will be the focus.

There will be no homework set. Provision will be adapted for individual children to meet their needs as best we can.



School Child Care (Years 2, 3, 4 & 5)

We are able to accommodate up to 45 children (3 groups of 15) who are vulnerable or have parents who are critical workers (see attached occupation list). We are able to offer Monday - Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm. If you would like your child to have a place please complete the booking form that will follow via parentmail by **Tuesday 26th May 2020 at 12pm.** Miss Hunt (Lower Key Stage 2 Leader) will be leading the school child care provision.

At this time, we are unable to offer school care provision for other year groups, including before or after school, as we do not have the space or staffing to accommodate this due to social distancing measures we are currently required to implement.

Social Distancing Measures

I cannot guarantee that we will achieve social distancing at all times in school, but we will try our best. Children will be put into a bubble group of up to 15 and they will be with familiar staff. Children will remain in these bubbles throughout each day with the same staff.

- ✚ Nursery and Reception - children will have their own carpet space and will learn through play with social distancing indicated
- ✚ Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 – children will have their own table with their own equipment and space for their belongings
- ✚ Children will learn and play inside and outside in the spaces they are told to
- ✚ Children will only use the equipment they are given

You will also be expected to observe social distancing when on school site. We ask that you:

- ✚ only have one adult take and pick up your child
- ✚ enter and exit the school grounds as directed for your child
- ✚ arrive only at the school grounds for your child's specified drop-off and pick-up times
- ✚ observe 2 metre social distancing at all times when releasing your child to a member of staff and receiving your child from a member of staff
- ✚ leave the school site immediately following drop-off and pick-up
- ✚ contact the school via email or phone for all enquiries (at this time no parents will be permitted in the school building unless it is an emergency)

Next week we will inform you of your child's bubble group, staggered drop-off and pick-up times. Please see attached map for entry and exit points.

Children with underlying health conditions or who live with someone in a clinically vulnerable group

Children who are considered extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding should continue to shield and should not attend school.

Children who live in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable should only attend school if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and the child is able to understand and follow those instructions. Given that we cannot guarantee that we will always achieve social distancing in school, the child should not attend.



Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. A minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.

Children who live with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not extremely clinically vulnerable) as defined in the social distancing government guidance, can attend.

Attitude and Behaviour Expectations

The underlying principles, which form the basis of our Attitudes and Behaviour Policy, are that we value and care for each individual in our school and that good behaviour is a collective responsibility for everyone in the school. All pupils are expected to follow the Cedars' Way. To ensure everyone's safety, we have had to make adjustments to our school's Attitude and Behaviour Policy. Please see the attached Addendum.

Human and Physical Hygiene and Sanitisation

The following will be in place and followed:

- ✚ You will be asked to remove and take home any disposable or non-disposable face coverings that your child's wear when arriving at school.
- ✚ All children will wash their hands upon entry to the classroom at the start of the session and after play or outside learning time. They will also wash prior to going out to play and home. Washing hands before and after lunch as usual too!
- ✚ All tables and chairs will be wiped with disinfectant spray throughout the day by bubble staff.
- ✚ If a child sneezes or coughs, their table and chair will be wiped with disinfectant spray and we will ask the child to wash their hands. We will be promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. All tissues will be placed in lidded bins.
- ✚ All classroom doors will be propped open and windows will be open if not too cold for the children.
- ✚ Internal corridor doors and handles will be wiped with disinfectant spray morning and afternoon in addition to cleaning contractors.
- ✚ Children are only to use equipment designated for them.
- ✚ Laptops/iPad trolleys will stay in year group areas. Children will wash their hands before using a laptop/iPad and staff will wipe down the computers after use with a computing wipe. All computers at the end of the school day will be sprayed cleaned. Trolley handles will be wiped throughout the day before and after use.
- ✚ Nursery/Reception children's activities will be either single use or a child will have their own named which can be sanitised in-between sessions.
- ✚ No soft furnishing and soft toys will be in use.
- ✚ General medical treatment will be administered in the child's bubble group.
- ✚ Only essential contractors will be allowed on site and they will avoid all children.

Symptom Management

On no account is any child to be sent into Cedars with

- a persistent dry cough
- any indication that they may have a temperature
- or a loss, or change in, normal sense of smell or taste



Any child presenting with symptoms will be taken to the Medical Room Area where they will be initially isolated. In medical isolation the following will happen:

- with a non-contact thermometer, the child's temperature will be taken and recorded on a log
- if the child's temperature exceeds the government guidance of 37.8°C then home will be notified
- arrangements will be made for the child to be kept away from their peers until such time that they are collected. Parents will be informed this must be immediately.

Arrangements will also be made for the child's table and chair to be disinfected and cleaned.

Children sent home with symptoms whilst attending Cedars, will isolate at home and you will be advised to follow the **COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance**. Parents should inform school if the child tests positive for COVID-19.

If a child is sent home with COVID-19 symptoms the Headteacher/Deputy Head will inform parents of the children who are in the bubble and advise them accordingly.

If a child tests positive, the rest of their bubble group will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

Food

The school will be providing a packed lunch for children on site who are eligible for a free school meal as well as for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 whose parents have requested a universal school meal. No hot meals will be available at this time.

For parents who choose not to send their child to school and are eligible for free school meals, the school weekly food hamper will continue to be available on Mondays and Tuesdays for you to collect.

General

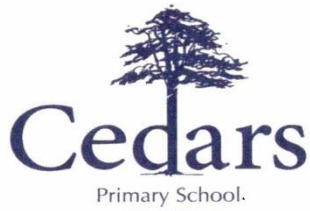
We recognise that children may have grown out of their school uniform and shoes and there are only 7 weeks left until the end of the academic year, so uniform expectations will be suspended for the rest of this academic year. Please can you:

- ✚ send your child to school in suitable loose clothing in which physical activities can be carried out e.g. t-shirt, trousers/shorts, jumper and trainers (no jeans)
- ✚ ensure your child has sun protection on prior to coming to school
- ✚ make sure your child does not bring stationery/toys/book bags from home (just a lunch box) and spare clothes (if they are Nursery age)

Questions

We realise there is a lot of information for you to reflect upon. On Friday 22nd May 2020 from 9:00am-12:00pm via email or telephone, Mrs McGarragh and I will be available in the school office to answer any questions you may have.





'We want every child to be happy, caring and successful.'

Notification

If you intend to send your child back to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 please complete the form that will follow via parentmail by **Tuesday 26th May 2020 at 12pm.**

I feel very privileged to serve such a great community and thank you once more for your continued support. May I wish you a safe and happy half term holiday.

Yours sincerely

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