

Winhills Primary Academy

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Dear parents,

We have now received guidance from the Department for Education and hope to be able to open school fully in September, offering all pupils a broad and balanced curriculum on all days.

I am writing to you to let you know about some of the systems of controls that we will be putting into place when your children return in September. This has been taken from guidance from the Department for Education.

We are very excited to be welcoming back your children and you will have already received a separate letter outlining what time and which day your child will be starting back with us. There is also a little section at the bottom which would be good for you to read through with your child about how school will look.

We are aware that there may be some worries about coming back to school but I wanted to reassure you by letting you know about some of the precautionary measures that we are putting into place to keep pupils and staff as safe as we can.

We will be following guidance and implementing a system of controls, some of which will be in place all the time and some of which will help us to manage the risk by being implemented either partially or sometimes. The following systems will be in place continuously at school:

- 1) **Minimise contact with anyone who is unwell by ensuring that individuals who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.**
- 2) **Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.**
Handwashing will continue throughout school on a regular basis. Children will also be reminded of good hand hygiene when in class.
- 3) **Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.**
Children will continue to be reminded to do this in school in the lidded bins provided.
- 4) **Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach.**
Surfaces and frequent touch points such as handles will continue to be cleaned regularly. Children will also be having their own little work packs to avoid cross contamination.

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The following systems will be in place sometimes or partially:

5) Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing where possible.

Children will be in a 'bubble' within their own class and interaction between bubbles will be kept to a minimum. Whilst we will not be asking children to socially distance in their bubbles, we will be continuing to ask parents to follow social distancing when picking up and dropping off the children. We will also be asking for one parent only to bring the children to school.

6) Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

This would only be used if a child presents with symptoms and a safe distance cannot be maintained or during a first aid situation.

Breakfast and after school club

We will be able to offer breakfast and after school club from September. Children will play with others from their bubble where possible and if it is not possible to maintain the bubbles being used during the day, small consistent bubbles will replace them.

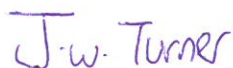
Please ensure that you have sent a form in or an email to the school office if you require this service.

Reading books

We will be able to send reading books home with your child from September but these will be cleaned more regularly and may be stored for a few days between home and school.

I hope that the above gives you a very quick outline of some of the measures that we are going to be putting into place. As always, please do email in if you have any questions. We are really looking forward to welcoming back all of the children in September. Have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely,



Mr John Turner

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (Part of the DLPT)