

Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School

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Reach for the Stars

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to more children as safely as we can.

In line with the government's wishes for a wider reopening of schools, we have put together a plan and set of procedures which will allow us to open up gradually to other year groups whilst putting pupils and staff safety first.

Cheswardine is a school blessed with lots of space and presently not that many children, therefore, we are able to welcome back more pupils from next week but after already opening two sites gradually we are going to use the lessons we have learnt to make the opening as safe as we can.

On Monday 22nd June, Year 2 pupils and any others who have requested a return to **Class 1** can come into school, following the procedures put in place in our procedures document which has been updated on the website. The key points to note are that an indoor pair of shoes is required, as well as a packed lunch and a water bottle, no big bags are needed at all and children should wear clean clothes every day, suitable for PE to be done without them having to change in confined spaces. Drop off is following the markers laid out along the pedestrian path and only one adult should accompany their child onto the site. Time of drop off for Class 1 is 09:00 and pick up is 15:00, please be prompt so that a safe staggered entry and exit for all classes is achieved.

We have had a big response from **Class 2** and the risk assessment has raised certain staffing issues as well as concerns about toilet congestion, therefore, we are **proposing a part time return to start with next week**. Our experience shows us that all these concerns will be easily sorted out if the children return in a phased manner and are given the space they need to learn to work within the required social distancing. We will invite a group of seven children from Class 2 to come in on **Thursday and Friday, the 25th and 26th June (Group A)**, then we will invite another seven children in on **Monday and Tuesday, the 29th and 30th June (Group B)**. That next week **Group A** will then come in on **Wednesday and Thursday, 1st and 2nd July** and **Group B** again on **Monday and Tuesday, 6th and 7th July**. During that week we will reassess social distancing requirements and how things are working across the school and judge whether we feel it is safe for a return to school for the full group of 14 on **Wednesday 8th July**. If we cannot accommodate them all at that point we will continue with the rota system where groups come in from **Mon-Thurs in Class 2 within their groups A and B**, but we will continue to reassess. I will send a text or email to confirm the group your child is in as soon as possible but no later than this Thursday afternoon.

I appreciate your support and patience with these quite complicated plans, and am looking forward to



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welcoming more children back to school.

From Friday the 3rd July the whole school will close every Friday by 12:30pm in order for thorough cleaning and for the staff to have PPA. We cannot achieve this otherwise as we only have a limited number of staff and hours allocated from our budget. This is a recommendation by the Local Authority. Friday's session of Nursery will therefore be moved to Monday from that week (29th June).

All children and parents need to read the addition to the Behaviour Policy which is on the home page of the website. This code of conduct must be followed in school and if it isn't your child may have their place withdrawn.

Only one adult can accompany their child to school please at the allocated times and this person must abide by social distancing rules and the code of conduct when on the school site. **Please maintain** social distancing rules when coming to school for your own protection, the protection of your children and ultimately the protection of my staff.

Children of Keyworkers in Class 2 could be accommodated straight away through both groups for four days but only if they are currently identified on our list which was set up at the start of lockdown.

Best wishes,

Rachael Williams (Executive Headteacher)



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