



'Respectful and resilient; being the best that we can be.'

Timothy Hackworth Primary School



CRC Article 19: All children have the right to be safe.

CRC Article 28: All children have the right to an education.

## Information for Year 6 Parents

### for Phased Reopening of Timothy Hackworth Primary School on 8<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parents and Carers,

26<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

We very much look forward to welcoming your child back to school on **week beginning 8th June**. As you will appreciate, due to Government guidance, the school day will look very different to the school day that we would normally have. Our ultimate aim is to keep your children, you and our staff safe. We therefore, have in place a rigorous and comprehensive Risk Assessment. The following information links to our Risk Assessment. Although we do not intend for the information below to be in any way negative or obstructive, it is essential that the information is clear and is clearly understood to ensure the safety of everyone in these circumstances. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

We are here to support your children and your family. We therefore expect parents to be following all of the social distancing protocols as part of the Government guidance, in order to protect everyone in our school community.

**Due to the changing information on a daily basis from Government, Durham County Council and Teaching Unions, whilst it is our intention to extend our opening to Year 6 on week beginning 8th June, it may not be possible to do this. This change could take place at very short notice, which may be beyond our control. We will keep you up to date with any developments as soon as it is possible.**

**Parents of Year 6 children attending school week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June, will be sent a text message to inform them which Bubble their child is in. Parents will then be able to look at the website to find out the start date and the timings for their child's Bubble.**

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- The number of places available is dependent on Government Guidelines and numbers of staff. **It is possible that provision of places may change depending on circumstances.**
- School will close at lunchtime on Fridays to allow for a deep clean. If you are a Key Worker then your child will be able to stay until 2.35 on Fridays.
- Children will be allocated to a Y6 'Bubble'. The Bubble will have a maximum of 8 children for the time being with a Teacher and possibly a Teaching Assistant. The Bubble will not mix at all with any of the other Bubbles. They will learn together, play together and eat together. It is unlikely that your child will have their usual Teacher or Teaching Assistant. It is also unlikely that they will be in their usual classroom. There is also no guarantee that your child will be with their closest friends.
- Year 6 Bubbles will be introduced gradually to school. For example, one Bubble will start on Monday 8th June, another Bubble will be added on Tuesday 9th and so on. We will be contacting you shortly with information regarding the start date for your child. All Year 6 Bubbles will start within the week beginning 8th June. Please see your texts and website for details.
- There will be staggered start and finish times to the school day – details of timings will be communicated to individual parents soon.
- There has been an increased cleaning programme since March. This will be extended so that thorough cleaning routines meet all the Government guidelines.
- A stringent cleaning regime will be in operation. This will include the cleaning of resources.
- We will aim to maintain 2m social distancing throughout the day, but please be aware this cannot be guaranteed.
- Unfortunately, parents and carers will not be able to access the school site unless collecting a child during the school day.
- We value communication with you and are keen to continue with this, however, during the virus period parents and carers will only be able to speak to staff on the telephone. If you wish to communicate with staff please call the School Office and they will ask the relevant member of staff to call you back. Please be aware this may not be until the end of the day or perhaps the next day.
- Only children of Key Workers can attend Breakfast Club.
- There will be no After School Clubs or Intervention Programmes.
- There will be no assemblies.
- The usual end of year celebrations will not take place. There will be opportunities provided in each Bubble for a variety of socially distanced 'good byes'.

- There will be no events for parents.
- **Staff will not be wearing PPE. However, we must wear PPE to administer close First Aid or to supervise the isolation of a symptomatic child if 2m distancing cannot be maintained. This is a Government recommendation. If PPE stocks have not arrived by June 8<sup>th</sup>, then we will not be open to Y6 pupils.**
- Children will not be allowed to wear face masks, gloves or aprons.

#### **Attendance:**

- No child should come to school if they are in any way unwell. If a parent or carer feels unwell in any way they should not come onto the school site.
- Parents must telephone school if their child will be absent and give reasons why.
- It is voluntary to send your child to school and fines will not be issued for non-attendance. However, our staff are allocated according to pupil numbers, **so please let us know if you no longer require your place.**

#### **Beginning of the day:**

- Children must arrive within their allocated timings. Punctuality is very important particularly at this current time.
- Parents must NOT come on to the school site.
- Children must NOT walk to school with anyone other than members of their household.
- Only one parent should walk their child to school.
- Children should come in to school using the gate to the Front Yard on Byerley Road.
- Children will enter the building one at a time maintaining a distance of 2m.

#### **End of the school day:**

- Your child is able to walk home **alone** but please let us know if this is your preference. They are not allowed to walk home with a friend.
- If you wish to collect your child please make sure it is only one parent who does this.

- Parents should enter the school site from the front gate on Byerley Road. They should stand by one of the crosses/cones which will be positioned on the yard at a distance of 2m from each other.
- Children will be released from the building one at a time. They should go straight to their parent and then the child and parent should leave the premises immediately.

### **What should my child bring / not bring to school?**

- Children are NOT allowed to bring their bikes or scooters to school.
- They are NOT allowed to bring a bag.
- They should bring a water bottle that MUST be labelled.
- They should bring a coat for outdoor learning.

### **Lunches:**

- There will be no hot meals available.
- If you are a Key Worker your child is able to have a free packed lunch from school.
- If your child is entitled to a free school meal they will be able to have a free packed lunch from school.
- School packed lunches will be kept in the kitchen fridges until lunchtime. Sandwich filling choices would be egg, tuna or cheese. Children will be able to choose sandwich fillings on a daily basis once they are at school.
- Your child can bring a packed lunch from home. Please be aware that this will be stored in the classroom. As classrooms can be warm in the Summer months, please think carefully about what you put into the lunch box. Meat and fish products should be avoided.
- School packed lunches can be purchased as a school meal in the usual way.

### **Uniform:**

- We expect your child to wear their school uniform. We acknowledge that some children may have outgrown some of their uniform and that it hasn't been possible to buy replacement uniform. If this is the case for your child, please send them to school wearing clothes that are as close to uniform as possible.

- It is recommended that children wear a set of clean clothes to school each day.
- Jewellery, Fitness Trackers and Smart Watches are not allowed.

### **Learning:**

- Lessons will focus on English, Maths, Wellbeing, Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education. There will be time allocated to talking about transition to Secondary School.
- There will be no homework and your child will not receive a reading book to take home.

### **What if my child becomes ill at school?**

- Before we accept your child back in to school we require the names and telephone numbers of at least two emergency contacts. We will be testing these numbers to ensure they are in operation. If you need to update the information we have for you, please call the School Office.
- If your child shows any signs of illness we will call you and you must collect your child immediately.
- If your child shows any symptoms of the virus they will be placed in supervised isolation whilst they wait for you to arrive.
- Symptomatic children and the members of their household can apply for testing. If the test is negative for all members of the household, then the child can return to school. Evidence would be required of this. A child or adult who has a confirmed case would be required to self-isolate for seven days. The household would be required to self-isolate for fourteen days.
- Where there is a confirmed case within a Bubble, the children and staff within that Bubble would be sent home to isolate for fourteen days. The other household members of that Bubble would not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member displayed symptoms.

### **Behaviour**

- We will be updating our Respectful Relationships Policy (Behaviour Policy) in light of current circumstances. This will be available on the school website.
- **We will not tolerate the behaviour of any child who puts the safety of another child, children or staff at risk. There will be no chances. Your child will lose their**

place if they choose to put anyone at risk. You would be contacted to collect your child immediately if their behaviour was unacceptable.

- **We will not tolerate the behaviour of any parent or carer who puts the safety of another child, children, staff or parent/carer at risk. Parents will not be welcome on the school site if their behaviour is unacceptable.**

**Precautions at home:**

- When your child returns home they should thoroughly wash and dry their hands.
- Water bottles must be washed thoroughly.
- Lunch boxes should be cleaned with anti-bacterial spray – inside and outside.

**Please talk to your child/children about the changes so they will be prepared for school.**

**We appreciate your support in these difficult times. The above Health and Safety measures reflect Government guidance. Our ultimate aim is to keep you, your children and our staff safe.**

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs. Boulton*

Head Teacher

*Mrs. Crook*

Chair of Governors