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## **RE: Phased Return for Families Seeking On-Site Adapted Curriculum**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the first phase of return to on-site adapted curriculum last week (15<sup>th</sup> June 2020) for 30 pupils. This was successful and we are now expanding this to our maximum capacity to support every family that informed us that they wish to return to on-site adapted curriculum with the mixed groups.

As you will now know your child has a place at school with an email confirming the dates. We are moving from on-site lockdown respite provision to a return to teaching and learning. In line with guidance from Public Health England, the Department for Education and Camden Local Authority we implemented measures to make the building as safe as we possibly can. It is really important that you help us to keep the site safe and secure. There are changes to our school in order to make it safe during this pilot phase.

The school building has been altered to support social distancing through protective “bubbles”.

- Here is a link to show the changes to the building which may help your child understand how school is different:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1P\\_bbvWH8M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1P_bbvWH8M)
- The school day starts at 9:30am – please do not arrive to the front gates before 9:15am if you are dropping off your child.
- We ask that if you are coming onto site that you observe the guides on the pavement and in Reception.
- A member of the Leadership Team will be on the gate and reception entrance. They will indicate where to wait if you drop off your child.
- The reception is no longer a ‘waiting’ location.
- The school day ends at 2:00pm-please ensure you arrive at 1:45pm and wait at the markings outside of reception. Please do not arrive late because our contractor will start end of day elevated hygiene cleans.
- Please be patient and help us whilst we all get used to the new system because we will also be managing the staggered arrival of Local Authority transport. If your child receives LA Transport – they will communicate directly with you.
- The Caterlink school dinners team is onsite. If your child receives free school meals or a school dinner this arrangement continues as normal. Their interim menu will be sent to you.

Your child is allocated to a protective ‘bubble’ and they will remain with the same children and staff throughout this pilot phase.

- The protective ‘bubble’ is limited to use only the classroom they have been allocated, a specific dining space and a separate outdoor area.

- All classrooms have access to a sink for regular handwashing and an allocated toilet.
- The classroom looks different with the removal of furniture and resources.
- There is no use of sensory rooms, soft play, hydrotherapy, drama studio, sports hall, or other specialist provisions that are shared spaces. There is no cross-class working.

Each class has a teacher: this may not be your child's usual class teacher because we are still running the Virtual School.

- Please ensure your child comes with their 'home-school diary'. Communication and updates will be through the home-school diary to let you know how the day has been and for general communication.
- Your child will now be removed from the Virtual School and you will no longer receive the daily emails from the class teacher.
- Please send in any hygiene consumables your child may need, such as wipes or pads.
- Please send in a set of spare clothes, we cannot use spares that we have onsite or our laundry machines.

We will not be checking the temperatures of children or staff as they come into school.

We need to work together to keep the school "bubbles" protected. You must keep your child off if they or anyone in the family show any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature). Your child might seem fatigued.
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Testing is now available to anyone - including children - who develops new coronavirus symptoms. To book a test, go to the national coronavirus testing website (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>) or phone 119. Testing is most effective as soon as possible within the first three days of a person experiencing symptoms.
- If your child becomes unwell at school you must collect them as soon as possible.

We are really looking forward to having this group of children and young people onsite and we have worked really hard to get this right for everyone. It is so important that we work together in order for this provision to continue and hopefully increase.

Many of the staff are travelling to school in public transport. The staff have had additional training around our new Risk Assessment and are confident at how to keep themselves and the children as safe as possible. Any questions please do get in touch.

Yours Sincerely



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