**Planned Reopening of Schools**

**Dear parents and carers,**

**I am writing to you following the Local Authority’s announcement that signals the start of a phased return for our Year 6 pupils from Monday 15th June. I would firstly like to emphasise Mrs Bromley’s prior correspondence that the safety of our children, families and the wider community remains paramount and I would like to take this opportunity to reassure of that, and share some key information regarding Local Authority and our own plans upon returning to school.**

Having received guidance from the Local Authority, we have created an action plan to prepare for our phased reopening and, as you can imagine, Mrs Bromley and the rest of the staff have had much to think about and plan for. With that in mind, and following safety guidelines produced by the Government, we have had to make significant changes to how our normal school day will take place. Initially, this means a change of location. Year 6 will now be separated into two ‘Bubbles’; one being the main hall and the other being in Miss Lloyd’s Year 5 classroom. This ensures that children are separated, and reduces the contact and possible contamination from others. As we have created extra accommodation to be more socially distant, our Year 6 family will also grow by welcoming Miss Lloyd and Mr Swift into our team, alongside Mrs Bott and myself.

The ‘Bubbles’ will be staffed by two members of staff each; Mr Swift and myself conducting teaching in the main hall (Bubble A) and Miss Lloyd and Mrs Bott in Miss Lloyd’s Year 5 classroom (Bubble B).

Predominantly, activities will provide support for our children’s mental health and wellbeing and focus on bringing some normality back, following recent challenging times. As well as activities which promote positive mental health and wellbeing, socialising, albeit controlled and within guidelines, will be promoted, as well as use of outdoor spaces; each Bubble having their own zones and equipment around the school grounds.

Below you will find a breakdown of the current timetable in place.

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| **8:30 am** | **8.30-9.45am** | **9.45-10.00am** | **10.00-12.30pm** | **11.15-11.30am** | **12:30 – 1:00 pm** | **1.00 – 1.30pm** | **1.30 – 2.30pm** | **2.30pm** |
| Enter through main pedestrian gates, around through car park, onto sports yard then in the kitchen door  (We recommend children walk alone from the pedestrian gate on entering school grounds as to keep foot traffic socially distant) | Morning Activities including hand washing | Play time  (Bubble A and Bubble B will have playtime within their own designated areas, but split into further smaller groups) | Morning Activities including hand washing | Play time  (Again, Bubble A and Bubble B will have playtime within their own designated areas, but split into further smaller groups) | Lunch time  (Children seated within their own classroom areas whilst eating. Children should bring a packed lunch in a disposable bag to minimise contamination) | Play time  (Again, Bubble A and Bubble B will have playtime within their own designated areas, but split into further smaller groups) | Afternoon Activities including hand washing | Exit through sports yard door, around through car park and through main pedestrian gates |

At first, as we accustom ourselves to new routines, things may seem a little strange and irregular, however, I would like to reassure you of King Street Primary School’s continuing dedication to providing a nurturing environment with children at the centre of each and every decision made. We have sorely missed their laughter, their smiles, their jokes, their imaginations and even their grumpier moments and we all look forward to welcoming them back come Monday morning.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Colling