

## KINGSMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers,

Hope everyone continues to remain healthy and well.

I write with details for those parents of EYFS, Y1, Y6, Key worker and vulnerable children who have decided that their child will return to school on the government's proposed date of June 1st.

At this point my intention is to open on Monday 1st for those parents who have confirmed they would like this provision unless the government issue any further statements between now and Monday. Should this be the case, I will confirm the position with you as soon as possible.

Accompanying this letter are two information sheets for parents which should be shared with your child to support them in coming back to school. We are aware that many parents/children may be anxious about this and we will do our best to reassure your child upon arrival. You can also ring the school mobile over the next few days if you have any questions/concerns.

As part of the children's learning in school, teachers will be specifically addressing any worries your child may have at this current time and their emotional health and well-being will be an important part of their education. Transition will also be a key focus for all year groups but particularly the Year 6 children to ensure they have a smooth a transition as possible to their chosen secondary schools come September and have time to mark their goodbyes to Kingsmoor.

My previous letter, which set out what school will look like, is still all relevant and important parental information. This should be read again in conjunction with this additional information sheet. (Points previously mentioned were, first aid/suspected CoViD-9 symptoms and procedures, staggered breaks and lunches.) This letter can be found on our school website.

In addition, it also referred to the use of PPE in schools. At this point the school is still following Government guidance and scientific evidence which states that: *Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended.* Scientific evidence says taking on and off, and frequent changing of "PPE" (including gloves and face masks) can actually cause more harm if not done properly – gloves should be pulled off in a particular way, as should face masks, and we are concerned children will not have this level of skill. Face masks must cover the face and nose at all times to afford protection, they must not rest on your chin (or touch any other part of your body that "maybe contaminated" before they cover the mouth and nose.) We are concerned children will not be able to avoid pulling it down or touching the front where germs maybe. Therefore we do not wish children to attend school with gloves or masks.

School will do our very best to enforce social distancing and reduce the number of children each child is "exposed" to – these are the recommended guidelines to reduce the risk of spread. We want children to feel happy and safe in school, and adults they can't see and interact properly with (from a distance of 2m as far as possible) will not be conducive to that – and we want children to be well when they come into school and to wash their hands most of all!

The information sheet states the times for arrivals and departures and the staff members which will be supporting your child's group. Unfortunately a high proportion of our staff are currently either shielding or clinically vulnerable – and in order to keep them safe they are unable to work in school with the children at present. They will be leading the Homelearning tasks for all our other children who are working from home – so we've had to have a re-juggle of staff and responsibilities. Miss Haines will now be working in Year 1 with Mrs Collard, replacing Mrs Temple and we hope this will help the Y1 group as she will be teaching them next year. Mrs Mexson and Mrs Wood will work as a team in Class 1 (EYFS.) Each group has two adults working with them in order to ensure the staff members also receive breaks. Please see the information sheets for other group teachers. Year 6 are being split into two groups and will be placed with a friend they have chosen – Miss Rundle is currently working on this and will ensure children and parents know who they are with and with which Y6 adult by Thursday at the latest.

In the event of staff absence – we will do our best to cover internally. We are conscious not to integrate 'supply' teachers into the groups especially if they have been working in different schools and will only be used as a last resort. If staffing cannot be filled there is a possibility the group would have to be home schooled until staff provision can be put in place.

Over the past week I have read all government guidance and daily updates and in consultation with Somerset County Council, the governing body and all staff, have written risk assessments to support the 'reopening' of Kingsmoor on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. These will be in effect from June 1<sup>st</sup> and will be reviewed and monitored as an ongoing process.

If your child is in EYFS, Y1 or Y6 and currently you have chosen to keep your child at home, please be assured that their learning provision and care will continue from our home learning team. Should this decision change, please contact Mrs Warren before returning to school so group provision can be evaluated. (The groups will not go above 15.)

Alternatively, if you have chosen for your child to return to school and this decision has changed – please inform the school, whether this is before starting back or after they have returned to school. As parents you are all doing what is right for your child but as a school we fully appreciate that these decisions may change according to the daily news, government updates, your child's thoughts and feelings.

Please remember Kingsmoor will continue to support you and your child wherever that may be.

I hope all children, families and staff are having a restful and enjoyable half term and will look forward to seeing some of you next week.

Kind regards

Mrs Warren



## KINGSMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL'S 'REOPENING' OF SCHOOL TO YEAR'S R,1 and 6, KW/V pupils – Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

### INFORMATION SHEETS

What you need to know as a parent/carer

How you can support your child/ What your child needs to know

Any further info required please ring the office or school mobile.



As per Government guidance we will be following these very important rules to minimise risk. We will continue to work together and 'do our very best' – to ensure the learning your child receives is purposeful and of value to each individual – finishing their academic year off as best



#### How to arrive.

Arrive at the stated time – please ring the office if you are going to be late.

Child to walk to gates with 1 parent only.

Maintain a social distance from other parents and children.

A teacher will meet you and ask you to stand on a coloured spot placed on the drive!

Parents say bye and depart as soon as child has gone to a spot.

Once all children have arrived – the group's teacher will walk children into class. (Keeping distance.)

#### How to depart.

Parents must be at the gate and socially distanced at stated time.

The teacher will walk their group out at stated time.

When teacher sees the parent they will be asked to come into gate and the teacher will hand over their child. Depart quickly.

**Any messages to be rung through to the office please.**

#### STAGGERED DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES – Mon - Thursday

Group	Location	Adult/s	Arrive	Depart
Year 6a	Class 6	Miss Rundle	9:00	3:00
Year 6b	Class 5	Mrs Sluman	9:10	3:10
Year 1	Class 2	Miss Haines Mrs Collard	9:20	2:45
EYFS (YR)	Class 1	Mrs Mexson Mrs Wood	9:30	2:30
Mrs Warren/Mrs Williams/Mrs Newton – adults who will supervise lunch/break covers for Year 6 groups.				
<b>Key worker/Vulnerable pupils (KW arrive/depart according to requirements – please inform the office.) KW/V children should continue to Buzz at gate to let know of arrival – they will be collected.</b>				
Vulnerable pupils (Mon – Thurs)	Hall/Y 5 area	Mrs Ingram (M/T/Wed am) Miss Tucker (Wed pm, Thurs)	8:50	3:20
Key worker (Mon – Friday.)	Hall/Y5 area	Miss Mitchell	Breakfast club from 8:00	After school until 4:30 (3:30 on a Friday.)

Coloured disks placed on the drive 2 metres apart. Adults must social distance at the gate.



### What do you need to bring with you?

- A clean, labelled water bottle – you will keep this on your own desk.
- A coat for wet weather – we will go outside.
- A sun hat.
- A bag to store coat/hat/lunch in.
- PE kits will **NOT** be required (See uniform below.)
- A packed lunch (If not free school meal)
- Class 1 and 2 will get their hot meal provided by BAM – delivered to their classroom.



### **SUN SAFETY!**

Please apply an 8 hour sunscreen to you child before coming to school – staff will not be able to apply in school.

You will need a hat and your water bottle!

**YOUR BAG WILL BE STORED UNDER YOUR DESK IN THE CLASSROOM TO AVOID ITEMS TOUCHING IN THE CLOAKROOM**

### What are you **not** allowed to bring in with you/do?

No pencil cases – your own equipment will be provided

Sorry no toys or any other item from home.

No reading books from home.

Unfortunately we will not be allowed to hug, touch, high five our friends. The next best thing is a lovely smile or thumbs up!



### School uniform - REMINDER

We would like all the children to wear their school uniform as we believe this creates the right mindset for being back at school.

Children will not be changing into PE kits – so they are not required in school.

We are happy for a child to wear their Kingsmoor PE kit on entry to school, if weather is hot and they prefer: Shorts, white PE top, trainers/daps.

Alternatively they should continue to wear black/grey trousers/skirts/summer dresses/ white tops/Kingsmoor jumper. (A jumper which is blue/black.)

We appreciate they may have outgrown uniform – **do not purchase new** – just try to wear similar colours.

Footwear – we are happy for children to wear enclosed footwear/trainers/daps throughout the school day.

No sandals please.

**It is advised for clothing to be washed on return home from school and fresh clothes worn the following day.**

### Reading books – keep reading!

- Each child will get to choose a book/s to keep in school.
- Children can take a book home where it should stay until they have completed it.
- Once completed, return to school. The books will be sanitised and not re-circulated for a few days.

### Toilets

- Each class will have allocated toilets that their group will use. (YR - Class 1, Y6a – Class 6, Y6b – Staff toilet, KW/V and Y1 - Main toilet -2 available)
- Only one child will be allowed in the toilet at a time – this will be monitored by staff and cleaned throughout the day. Paper towels used – no dryers – bins emptied during day.

### Handwashing

- Handwashing remains extremely important. We will do this at specific times of the day. As per GOV guidelines and previous letter.

### Avoid Touching your face

- Hair should be tied back to avoid children touching their faces unnecessarily.

**Please explain the importance of these points with your child and give regular reminders to ensure they understand.**

### What will your classroom/school building look like?

- Each child will be allocated a desk. These have been spaced apart to give as much distance as possible (2metre.)
- Excess furniture has been removed.
- Soft furnishing and toys have been removed.
- You will see lots of posters in classrooms around the school. Reminding of social distancing and handwashing.
- Each child will have a basket/bag of equipment that is for each individual.
- Equipment will be sterilised at the end of the day. And desks/surfaces cleaned regularly – and before lunch.
- Children will enter and exit their classrooms through the outside doors.
- There will be markings around the paths/corridors to help you keep social distance.



**Keep an eye on Facebook for Mrs Warren's virtual tour of the classrooms by the end of the week!**