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# PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: What is happening at Park?

Dear Parents, Carers and Community of Park Primary,

I trust you are continuing to keep well at this challenging time; we really miss you and our thoughts are with you all.

I am writing to provide information as to what is happening at Park as we increase our numbers.

As stated previously, we have faced a huge challenge in increasing our numbers whilst complying with renewed hygiene measures and maintaining the 2 metre social distancing rules. We are doing everything we can to act safely and manage the risks but, once again, it is important to state that safety cannot be guaranteed, not least because people may not have symptoms yet may have the virus. Challenges aside, it has been fabulous to see the children return and to witness their happiness as they see their friends and learn to interact together differently.

We are implementing policies with the children relating to: physical distancing; limiting interaction across bubbles and pods; improved hand hygiene; improved respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it) and just generally increasing understanding of personal space and 'what needs to be touched'. We are finding that we are having to be more strict generally. This is so that everybody is clear of what is expected of them; clear rules and measures avoid confusion. For example, when children are given a time to arrive, they must arrive at that time or they will not be allowed into school that day.

We currently have nearly 100 children on site daily and this week these numbers will increase to about 150. Next week we will be inviting our children in Reception and Nursery back although we are not yet sure exactly how this will look.

By the end of this month we will be looking to make decisions about whether we can do any more in July. When we make these decisions we will be guided by our commitment to the education of the children alongside continuing to place the physical and mental health and safety of pupils, staff and families at the heart of our actions.

We thank you for your patience and understanding at this hugely challenging time.

Yours faithfully and respectfully,

Synopsis of content: We are currently finding our way with increased numbers in school. We will be in touch weekly in case there is any change in what we feel able to offer at this time.