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Re: Inviting Year 2 and Year 5 children back to school from Weds 1st July

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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 2 and Year 5,

As you may be aware, we have gradually been increasing our numbers at Park over the past few weeks through a phased return of Year 6 (Pod 2 - Upper Key Stage 2), Year 1 (Pod 3 - Key Stage 1) and Early Years (Pod 4). This has built on the offer that has been in place for the children who have continued to attend school over the lockdown period (Pod 1).

Having reviewed the number of children in attendance against the capacity that we can offer (given staffing, classrooms and smaller groups of children), we are now in a position to invite children in Year 2 and Year 5 back to school from Wednesday 1st July.

May I begin by stating that, in order to adhere to Government guidelines and manage the risks to the best of our ability, the provision which will be on offer will not look like that which the children left behind. We will be trying our best to: maintain social distancing; limit the interaction with resources; limit the amount of equipment coming back and forth from home and school; provide only the equipment that each child needs; limit movement inside the building; enforce strict measures relating to hygiene and enforce compliance to stricter rules generally, all whilst aiming to provide a comfortable, meaningful learning environment and an excellent, age appropriate curriculum. Your child may not be taught by their class teacher or in their usual classroom.

It is not yet possible for us to state what the Year 2 and Year 5 offer will look like until we have a sense of how many children are wishing to return. As I hope you can appreciate, because we will have to have much smaller class sizes, it is likely we will only be able to offer part days to your child or a part week offer.

Whatever the offer looks like, the children will be operating within our Pod structure. All pods are in different parts of our building. The pods are subdivided into bubbles where the bubbles are really classes but they will contain a maximum of 15 children and will be set up quite differently. Your child's bubble will be allocated when you sign up for them to return. As stated, until you sign up, it is impossible for us to say how many bubbles we need and therefore how many staff; this will, in turn, affect the amount of sessions we can offer. One thing I can say is, it will not be anything like a full time offer. Each bubble will be given a daily arrival and departure window when their bubble is known.

In order for us to be able to plan effectively (firstly that means - how many teachers/ spaces do we need) and to manage the risks to the best of our ability we need you please to:

1. Complete the following form (<https://forms.gle/tNaptYcsciYVDgFR9>) by 9:00am on Monday 29th June to register your interest or to decline the offer at this time. Please be advised that, if you say yes, the expectation is they attend every session that is available to them and if they are sick on a given day, usual absence procedures will apply.
2. Appreciate that your child can only attend if we have been informed. If their name is not on our temporary register they will not be allowed into school.
3. If you say yes, be mindful of more immediate communication which may require a response. All the measures which we have put in place require awareness, responsibility and agreed compliance by all.

Yours respectfully,



Natasha Ttoffali

Synopsis: Please let us know for definite if you wish for your child in Year 2 or Year 5 to return to school and, if you say yes, look out for further communication which needs your attention.

You may wish to take a look at the following to give you a sense of what school may look like for your child if they return:

Pod 2 (Year 5)

Return to School Guide Pod 2

<https://park.newham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Pod-2-Guide-for-Parents-and-Carers.pdf>

Return to School Video Pod 2

<https://youtu.be/52rfVtguUb4>

Pod 3 (Year 2)

Return to School Guide Pod 3

<https://park.newham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Pod-3-Guide-for-Parents-and-Carers-12.6.pdf>

Return to School Video Pod 3

<https://youtu.be/fwpgFZI-a4I>