



# PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Inviting Year 1 (Pod 3) children back to school from Weds 17th June

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Dear Parents and carers of children in Year 1 (Pod 3),

Following on from my letter which came to you last week, I write with further detail relating to the Year 1 provision which will be on offer from next Wednesday.

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 to be used by them only; limit movement around the building; avoid any unaccompanied children in the building at all; 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.

In order to ease the children back in, we are starting with a three day week and we will be open to your children on the 17th, 18th and 19th of June. The offer thereafter will be for half days but these days will be 9:30 - 1:15/ 9:45- 1:30/ 10:00- 1:45 (depending on their bubble, Mon- Friday).

We will be operating a Pod structure and the Pods will be in different parts of the building. The pods will be subdivided into bubbles where the bubbles are really classes but they will contain fewer children than before and will be set up quite differently. Your child's bubble will be allocated when you sign up for them to return. The Year 1 Pod (Pod 3) will be in the 3 x Y1 classrooms and then in classrooms on the middle floor of the building (depending on how many children we have returning). 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 do we need) and to manage the risks to the best of our ability we need you please to:

1. Inform your child's class teacher (when they call later this week) of your intentions (please be advised that, if you say yes, the expectation is they attend every session that is available 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. We ask that, if you decline now but then wish for your child to join at a later point, you inform the school office by Wednesday pm ahead of a Monday start the following week. If, over time, you change your mind, children will only be able to join a bubble on a Monday - not mid week.
3. Be mindful of more communication in the next week. All the measures which we have put in place require awareness, responsibility and agreed compliance by all.

Yours respectfully,

Natasha Ttofalli

**Synopsis: Please let us know for definite if you wish for your Y1 child to return to school and, if you say yes, look out for further communication which needs your attention.**