

12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **The Return to School for Year 6 Children**

We are really looking forward to seeing our Year 6 children back in school from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

- **School day times for Year 6**

9:00am – 2:50pm Monday – Thursday

9:00am-11.50am Friday

**It is absolutely essential that these timings are strictly adhered to; there is no on-site provision for late collection.**

- **Arrival and departure logistics including parent drop off**

The rear gates on Dorando Close will not be in operation until further notice.

Year 6 will be expected to bring themselves on and off the school site. We ask Year 6 parents not to enter the playground to help us manage social distancing.

Year 6 will enter school via the main office doors and follow the one-way system to their classroom.

Year 6 children will be dismissed from the playground at 2:50pm (Monday-Thursday) or 11:50am (Friday). Year 6 children will either walk home alone or meet their parents outside the school gates.

- **Suggested ways to travel to school**



HM Government

**NHS**

## Back to school?

Is your child going back to school?

If possible walk or cycle, or go by car.

STAY ALERT › CONTROL THE VIRUS › SAVE LIVES

The poster features a blue background with yellow icons for a bicycle, a car, and a walking person. The text is in white and yellow. The NHS logo is in the top right corner, and the HM Government logo is in the top left corner. A yellow banner at the bottom contains the slogan 'STAY ALERT › CONTROL THE VIRUS › SAVE LIVES'.

If you cannot walk, cycle, or go by car, the following website has some guidance on how to use public transport safely

### **[Department for Transport: Safe Travel to School](#)**

- **Numbers of children in a class and how they will be allocated to class groups**

15 per 'Bubble'. Currently, we can accommodate all Year 6 children in the same Bubble with Miss Pullinger, Miss Joannou, Miss Mardenborough, Miss Zadi and Miss Jebari.

- **Daily Timetable**

9.00 - 9.30 Soft start in Y6 Durham

9.30 – 11.00 Learning time

11.00 - 11.30 Break time in the cage

11.30 - 12.30 Learning time

12.30 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 - 13.30 Playtime

13.30 - 14.15 Creative time

14.20 - 14.50 PE

14.50 Home time

- **Lunch arrangements in school**

Year 6 children will be provided with a varied and tasty picnic lunch prepared by the school kitchen. Year 6 children will eat together in their Bubble in the Dining Room which will be cleaned before and after the sitting.

- **What children can/cannot bring into school**

Children should bring the following items to school only:

- Named water bottle
- Named sun cream
- Named sun hat
- Named lightweight coat in case of wet or cooler weather

No other items should be brought to school. Reading books will not be sent home during this time.

Your child will be provided with their own stationery pack containing everything they need – pencils, glue, scissors etc.

- **Arrangements for hygiene, social distancing, keeping bubbles separate**

Some of the arrangements we have in place:

- One-way corridors
- Timetable for toilet usage, only one child in the toilet area at any one time
- Clear signage in the classroom promoting social distancing
- Stories and games to promote social distancing and good hygiene
- Year 1 Bubble will not mix with other Bubbles during the school day
- Large gatherings avoided – no assemblies, whole school events etc.
- Enhanced cleaning throughout the school day
- Anti-bacterial soap & hand sanitiser available in all rooms

- **First Aid arrangements**

First aid will be administered by staff wearing PPE (gloves, mask, and apron). Only one child will be allowed in the First Aid Room at any one time.

- **Policy on parents/visitors entering school building**

Parents will not be permitted to enter the building at this time. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher in more detail than can be facilitated at drop-off/pick-up, this can be done via a phone call. We ask parents to help us by adhering to social distancing guidelines.

Visitors to site will only be permitted for essential works and services.

- **Uniform policy**

Year 6 children should wear summer uniform/PE kit. Trainers/plimsolls are the suggested footwear. Please ensure clothes are fresh on daily to minimise and control the spread of infection.

We all have a role to play to stop the spread of infection and we must all continue to follow the NHS guidance. If any student has symptoms of Coronavirus, however mild, **they must not come to school**. If a child shows any symptoms at school, we will contact their parents or carers so we can send them home.

Anyone with symptoms must self-isolate and **stay at home** for at least 7 days from when the symptoms started. Everyone in the household of someone with symptoms must **stay at home for 14 days** - they should not go to work, school or use public transport or taxis. Nobody should go out even to buy food or other essentials, and any exercise must be taken at home.

**Anyone with symptoms should immediately arrange to have a Coronavirus test.** If a student's test is negative, they can come back to school. If the test is positive, they cannot come back to school until they have recovered, the minimum time they must stay at home **is 7 days**. If your child has a Coronavirus test, **you must let us know the result as soon as possible**. If the test is positive, we will need to advise everyone in their class group to stay home for 14 days.

All the information about what to do if you have symptoms is available the Government website here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

At school, we will make sure that children wash their hands often. Please make sure that your child understands that it is important that they wash their hands regularly for 20 seconds using soap and water and that they cough and sneeze safely into a tissue or their elbow.



# Ark Swift Primary Academy

This has been a very unsettling time for everyone, and we want to make sure that all of our children enjoy their time at school when they return. We know that some of our pupils may be anxious about coming back to school, some may have had relatives who have been ill with the virus, others may have been bereaved. We will do our very best to make sure that all children are supported and enjoy returning to learning at school. Please do let us know if your child might need some extra help when they come back.

All of our teachers and school staff have worked incredibly hard to put all of the measures needed in place to make our school safe, we really appreciate your patience and understanding whilst we made our plans. **If you need any further information, please let me know.**

I look forward to seeing some of you at a social distance very soon.

Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Upfield  
Principal