

# THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Starting school

It is still unclear whether years R,1 and 6 will be opening after half term. It is likely that we will not be told until 28<sup>th</sup> May which is towards the end of half term week. This is making it difficult to plan for, as you can imagine.

If we are given the go-ahead, we will be gradually introducing the children back to school. This is our plan for the week following half term:

Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>-School only open for children who are currently coming into school e.g. the children of key workers. The staff who are not supervising them, will be completing our plans for wider opening and doing a final clean of the school environment.

Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>-Key workers and Year 1.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>-Key workers, Year 1, Year R.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>- Key workers, Year 1, Year R and Year 6

Please note:

1. There is a separate plan for Nursery which we will explain in a separate communication.
2. Year 6 coming back on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> will be dependent on the staff that we have available. Because we have to split the children into such small groups and because some staff are shielding, staffing could well be an issue.
3. There is no indication as to when Years 2,3,4 and 5 will return. Please refer to the letter on the school website and Facebook regarding learning at home.

We will confirm these arrangements once we have further information from the Government.

## Arrangements for Years R,1 and 6 (Arrangements for Nursery will be contained in another email.)

Please read and follow these expectations. There are a lot of 'dos' and don'ts. That is because we are taking everyone's safety seriously. Please take them in the spirit that they are intended-they will only be successful if we work together.

1. Do not bring your child to school if they are shielding or if they, or any of your household are showing symptoms of Covid 19.

2. You do not have to send your child to school. There will be no fines for those who do not. You will not lose your place on roll. However, we would appreciate a call or email if you intend to keep your child at home. If, at a later date, you change your mind please let us know in advance of your child returning. We will be providing the usual on-line learning for children whose parents have decided not to send them back to school. In summary: We would prefer you to send your child back to school but we will understand if you decide not to.
3. Please check which group and classroom that your child will be in. It will be a number followed by a letter. We will give you that information closer to the date. Remind your child that for the foreseeable future the children and adults within that group (or bubble) will be the only children and adults that they will be able to work and play with. Explain that this is to keep them safe by making sure that they only come into contact with a small number of people.
4. There will be no breakfast or after school club until further notice. This is because we need to keep the children safe in their own 'bubbles'.
5. There will be staggered entry and departure times. Each group of 15 will be allocated an arrival and collection time. We have tried to arrange for parents/carers who have more than one child in Years R, 1 and 6, to have the same drop off time.
6. Children should wear school uniform. Do not bring any belongings to school, including stationery. (The children will be provided with their own set.) According to Government guidelines, there is no need for children to wear PPE or masks.
7. School dinner arrangements will be the same as before only they will be in the form of a packed lunch to avoid the need for children having to queue up. **The children will remain in their bubble groups throughout lunchtimes to prevent mixing / contamination between groups of children.**
8. All parents of children who return to school after half term, that are in receipt of a FSM voucher, will need to provide a packed lunch. Going forward, the school will stop requesting vouchers for those children who are back in school. However, the school will continue to order FSM vouchers for those entitled to them who are not attending school in all year groups.
9. Ensure that everyone has washed their hands before leaving home and when they return home. Remind children about basic hygiene rules.
10. Set off to arrive at school at the right time. Avoid public transport, if at all possible. There should only be one adult bringing the children to school. Try to avoid arriving early or late because we are trying to reduce interactions in the playground.
11. Ensure that you keep your children with you on the way to school and that you maintain social distancing. They will naturally want to play with other children that they see however your job is to keep the children apart because our plan relies on keeping the children within their group or bubble.
12. Please do not gather at the school gates. Enter the school by your usual gate and follow the markings on the playground. Ensure that you maintain a 2m distance from others. Head to the classroom. Find your child's classroom. On the first day, we will have people showing you the way. The classroom door should be open on time. There will be a few 2m markings on the playground outside the classroom door for those queuing up. Should there be a queue longer than the markings, please wait in the playground for a space to become available. Make sure that you keep all of your children close to you.



13. The teacher will not be able to have a conversation with you at the beginning or end of the school day. If you need to speak to her/him please call the office to arrange a telephone meeting.
14. It is more vital than ever, that your child follows the Covid expectations as well as the general rules whilst at school-particularly if they are in Year 6. We will not have the capability to look after misbehaving children in different spaces as all spaces are being used. If you feel that your child might not behave, please can you have a serious chat with them. The parents/carers of children who put staff or other children at risk, will be expected to come to school to deal with them.
15. This is a time to remind parents that they must provide us with up to date contact details and ensure that they do pick up the phone if we ring.
16. Please leave the school as soon as you have dropped off/collected your child/children.
17. Please make sure that your family follows the Government's social distancing rules at home. All the trouble that we take to keep the children within their bubbles at school will be a waste of time if they play with children from other families after school. However, we recognise that it will not be possible to keep your children apart from your family members.
18. Please avoid going into the school building, including the office-instead use the telephone.
19. When you collect your child from school, undertake the same process in advance. Do not linger in the school grounds after school.

#### **Daily Routine.**

- 1. Your child only needs their school uniform and packed lunch.**
- 2. Make sure you all wash your hands before leaving school.**
- 3. Leave with enough time to arrive at your drop off time.**
- 4. Follow the Government's rules for social distancing-Do not mix with other families.**
- 5. If you are waiting to let your child into class or picking them up, please keep them and brothers and sisters by you and 2m from everyone else.**
- 6. When you return home wash your hands.**

