

## Willow Lane Community Primary School

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers of children in Year 6

## Year 6 – w/c $22^{nd}$ June and $29^{th}$ June.

We are very excited to hear that the vast majority of Year 6 children will be returning to school for a two week block from next week. This time will be spent focusing on two main themes - transition to secondary school learning (including subject specific learning and sex education) and closure to primary school (including a celebration). Whilst this year will involve a different approach to previous years, it is still important for children to mark this life milestone.

Due to the number of children returning, there will be two bubbles – one with Mr Noblet and Mrs Mosey and the other with Mr Webster and Mrs Powell. Friendships have been taken in to consideration whilst splitting the children. Whilst bubbles will not physically mix during the school day, playtimes (in socially distanced areas marked by bunting) will be at the same time so all children can talk at distance.

A few things to be aware of...

Drop Off:

- Drop offs are staggered by different bubbles. Children in Year 6 are to arrive for **9:10.** (Where children have a younger key worker sibling they should arrive at school with them).
- One parent to bring the child attending school.
- Line up on dots on red pavement at 2m social distancing.
- Follow the dotted path around to star and children walk around the school.
- Adults leave by the pedestrian gate by the willow tree.
- If children and parents are late, they will need to wait until a free slot in the staggered drop off schedule.

What do children need to bring?

- Wear school uniform one day and PE kit the next. This will allow for cleaning of clothes and we are reducing the amount of things brought into/from school.
- No book bag is necessary.
- A packed lunch. If your child is entitled a Free School meal then this will be provided.









- A drink. If your child does not bring a drink (or if they finish theirs) then disposable cups will be used.
- A coat depending on weather. The children will be outside learning as much as possible.

During the school Day:

- Children will be taught in bubbles of no more than 15 children.
- Children will have their own desk and own stationery (see the assembly on Seesaw from 12<sup>th</sup> June).
- They will be taught by a teacher and teaching assistant.
- Children will remain with their bubble throughout the day.
- The same staff will remain with the bubble throughout the day.
- Children will eat lunch in the classroom.
- Movement around the school will be minimal eg to wash hands and visit the toilet.
- Each bubble, will have a separate cubicle within the KS2 toilets.
- Children's learning will be engaging.

Collection:

- Children must be collected on time for Year 6 this will at **3:00** and younger siblings will be with them.
- The collection system will be the same as the drop off.
- There will be no WOOSH at the start or end of the school day.

When your child does return to school, there are some key behaviours which apply to all adults and children at school. These are relevant and can be practised at home too.

- **DO NOT** come to school/work if you, or someone in your household, have coronavirus symptoms.
- Go home as soon as symptoms develop and access a test as soon as possible.
- Parents are able to access testing using 111 online service if your child is over 5 or call 111 if your child is aged under 5. Details have also been sent via our text system.
- **Clean your hands** more often than usual with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- Use the **'catch it, bin it, kill it'** approach.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.

Thank you for your understanding and working with us during these challenging times,

## Mel MacKinnon

## HEADTEACHER

