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### **September Opening of Tynsel Parkes**

Dear Parents,

As we are approaching the end of this academic year I wanted to provide you with an update of what our plans are for welcoming all children back into school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. I am really looking forward to having the whole school back together again and welcoming new children to the reception and nursery classes.

**However, you should not send your child to school if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus.** If this is the case, please inform school immediately. The government has announced that once schools are open again staff and pupils in all settings will be eligible for testing if they become ill with coronavirus symptoms, as will members of their household. This will enable children and young people to return to education, and their parents or carers to get back to work, if the test proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect all the children and staff.

The government has now released full details of how **all children and staff** will return safely, please let me stress that your child's health and wellbeing are our number one priority – we care about each and every member of our community.

#### **What will be put in place in the classrooms:**

- Classrooms will be re-arranged with desks in rows, as per the government advice.
- Rigorous procedures in place to ensure that pupils clean their hands when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks and before and after eating.
- Classroom based resources, such as books and games, can be used and shared within the bubble; these will be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces.
- Resources that are shared between classes, such as sports, art and science equipment will be cleaned frequently and meticulously or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different classrooms.
- The government's scientific advice has stated that there is not a need for in-class social distancing for primary pupils. We are pleased about this as younger children do find social distancing difficult.

- Teachers and support staff are advised to minimise the time they are closer than 1 metre to anyone, and away from colleagues as much as possible, as if in a supermarket.
- Meetings in school will need to be by appointment only and arranged through email or telephoning the school office.
- We will be involved in the NHS Test and Trace system and swift action will be taken if required. Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us! Please trust us when we say that we will do everything we can to minimise risks in school.
- From the advice of Public Health England, face coverings in school are not permitted. (Taken from the July guidance).

#### **What your child will need to bring to school:**

- All pupils will wear full uniform in accordance with our policy, children to wear sensible footwear, outdoor learning will continue to take place during the Autumn term as much as possible. (**Please label all clothing** – we do not want clothing to get mixed up at this time.)
- For the first half of the Autumn term children will not need to bring a full PE kit, the younger children will find it hard to get changed without adult support, please send your child with trainers in their PE bags at this time. The PE bag will be kept at school. If your child can not tie shoe laces please send shoes that they can fasten and manage to change for themselves.
- A filled water bottle with your child's name clearly labelled- this will go home daily to be washed and brought back for the following day. We kindly ask that the bottle is filled with water and not juice.
- You will not be able to enter the school office at this time – all communications will be over the phone or via email to aid with social distancing.
- Children will not be able to bring any of their toys from home to school due to health and safety reasons.
- Please return any reading books and library books – we will be collecting these on the first day of the school term. The school spent a lot of money replenishing the reading book scheme last October and we would like to have all books returned ready to use again.
- Dolce will provide a packed picnic lunch during the initial opening period, this will help to ensure that we can keep social distancing during the lunch hour, children will have lunch in prepared spaces around the school. Please order all lunches through SchoolGrid
- All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal.

#### **TP:**

- The TP, our before and after school wrap-around provision, will be reopening from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.
- Staff will ensure all the rigorous cleaning and routines are put in place in this facility to ensure the safety of your children.
- Please let the office know which days you will be requiring to send your children to this facility. Ensure that payment is made to your Parent Pay account before the sessions take place.

### **Staggered start times and one way systems:**

- A one-way system will be in place to help minimise the pinch points around the entrances to the playground.
- Only one parent/carer to bring and collect your child to and from school, to avoid congestion on the playgrounds.
- When bringing and picking up your children, stay in the queuing system, walk and follow the one-way system (through the front gate on School Road and out through the back gate onto Lightfoot Road – you will not be able to enter the school yard from Lightfoot Road).
- Children **will not be able to bring bikes/scooters** onto the playground at this time, due to blocking the footpaths and causing crowding.
- **To comply with social distancing rules, we ask parents not to arrive at school early and leave promptly, this is why we are having staggered start and finish times.**
- Unfortunately at this time, you will not be able to talk to your child’s class teacher at the start or end of the day as we do not want to cause a gathering on the yard, if you have something urgent to tell the staff please inform the office, through email or by phoning the office. You can also contact your child’s class teacher through the year group email system.

Below are the staggered times of the day – please ensure social distancing at all times and keep your child with you at all times. Children should not be running across the playgrounds, playing on the tyres or the trim trail at this time. Thank you for supporting us with these measures to ensure social distancing for all.

<b>Class</b>		<b>Start time</b>	<b>Pick up time</b>
Nursery	Drop children at the nursery door	8:30am	2:55pm
Reception	Drop children off at the reception classroom door	8:45am	3:05pm
Year 1	Drop children off at the year 1 classroom door	8:40am	3:00pm
Year 2	Drop children off at the year 2 classroom door	8:50am	3:10pm
Year 3	Parents to wait behind the cones and children to go to their year group cones	8:55 am	3:10pm
Year 4	Parents to wait behind the cones and children to go to their year group doors	8:45am	3:05pm

Please look at our website: <https://www.tynselparkesacademy.co.uk/pupils/letters> for further information.

Finally, I assure you that we will do our utmost to provide a safe and caring environment for your child and hope that you support us with the points outlined above.

Thank you for your continued support, please stay safe and look after yourselves. You are all doing a fantastic job and we are very proud of our Tynsel Parkes community.

Best wishes,

Rachel Chandler

Principal.