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Dear Parents,

We are planning to go ahead with the wider opening of school for children in reception, year 1 and year 6 from Monday 15th June.

The majority of the information contained in the original plan to open the school still stands. However, there have been a few tweaks to the plan which are outlined below. In addition, this letter will set out specific instructions for the different year groups.

What will happen if a child in the bubble has a display symptoms of Covid-19?

This is in line with Government advice

If a child is displaying any of the recognised symptoms according to Government guidelines (raised temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste and/or smell), the child will be isolated in the library with an adult and parents will be contacted. The child will need to go for a test as soon as possible. Whilst the test results are being waited for, they should self-isolate at home along with their household. If the test is negative for Covid-19, the child can return to school and the household can come out of isolation. If the test is positive, the bubble will be closed and all children and staff in the bubble will self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that bubble do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

Do not send your child to school if your child is showing symptoms or if a member of your household has symptoms.

We have infra-red thermometers in school that we will be using periodically to test the temperatures of children and staff.

Reception Children

Children are to be brought to school for 9.30am and collected at 3.00pm. Children are to wait on the path outside the school gate with their parent. Either Mrs McCabe or Miss Wardle will come and bring your children into school.

School lunches will be provided either a sandwich or an alternative cold meal (sausage roll, quiche, pizza etc.). Children will only need to bring a water bottle with them and wear suitable clothes (not school uniform).

At the end of the day, wait on the path and your children will be brought to you.

Year 1 Children

Children are to be brought to school for 9.15am and collected at 2.45pm. Children are to wait on the path outside the school gate with their parent. Either Miss Hobbs or Miss Thompson will come and bring your children into school.

School lunches will be provided either a sandwich or an alternative cold meal (sausage roll, quiche, pizza etc.). Children will only need to bring a water bottle with them and wear suitable clothes (not school uniform).

At the end of the day, wait on the path and your children will be brought to you.

Year 6 Children

Year 6 children will be attending Hollingworth Academy. Children will access the school grounds via the gate at the back of the school near Hollingworth's playing fields. To access this, walk up the public footpath which runs up from the pre-school. Miss Lockley or Mrs Horridge will meet the children at the gate. The gate will be locked at 9.10am. Children who are late will need to go to the main school office.

All children will need to take a packed lunch and a water bottle with them. Children who have free school meals, will continue to be sent the vouchers. These should be used to provide your child with a packed lunch.

Children will leave at 2.30pm via the same gate they entered the grounds.

Whilst in Hollingworth, the children will be in MFL01. They will have access to laptops and an outdoor area. They should not come into contact with pupils from Hollingworth or Hollingworth staff.

In an emergency situation, Miss Lockley will have contact details of Hollingworth staff that she can use. If you need to contact Miss Lockley, in the first instance you should contact St. Thomas' in the usual way.

All parents of children in group A will be contacted either Thursday or Friday by school staff to find out which children will be retuning next week and to answer any questions you may have.

Parents of children in group B will be contacted early next week.

There is still no obligation for you to send your children back to school, the decision is entirely yours based on the information you have been given.

However, if you do choose to send your children back, we will do our best to keep them safe and give them a happy experience before the end of the school year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R. Williams
Headteacher

