



Kents Hill Park School

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Headteacher: Mr. James Pilgrim

10th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you all safe and well.

I am sure that you are aware that the Government is no longer directing primary schools to open to all year groups this summer term. However, Kents Hill Park School is in the slightly unusual position of not having any of the current year groups (Reception, Year 1, Year 6) currently attending school; this gives us a bit more flexibility. As such, we are intending to open the school to Year 3 and Year 4 from 22nd June. This intention is predicated on Governmental direction alongside the continued approval of our Governing Body and Trust Board of Directors. The situation with Coronavirus is fluid, and all plans are necessarily subject to change.

We will not be able to support all pupils attending school all the time so intend to operate a rota of attendance. This will allow us to organise the appropriate staffing levels and implement social distancing measures as far as possible, although the Government have indicated that these are difficult to enforce in a primary setting and are therefore relaxed.

Consequently, the pupils would have a mixture of attending school and learning at home in the following way:

W/b 22 nd June	Year 3 in school	Year 4 home learning
W/b 29 th June	Year 4 in school	Year 3 home learning
W/b 6 th July	Year 3 in school	Year 4 home learning
W/b 13 th July	Year 4 in school	Year 3 home learning

Please note that school will finish at 12.30 each Friday.

Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Tough and Miss Hamer and Year 4 will be taught by Mrs Maddocks and Miss Dolan. When pupils are not in school they will continue to receive home learning packs that will reflect the work that is taking place in school. If they are unable to attend they will be not be disadvantaged.

We have been working closely with our other primary schools in the Trust who have already successfully opened to R, Y1 and Y6 classes in order to implement systems and routines that will keep everyone as safe as possible. There will be significant changes to ensure we follow the Government safety directives. This will mean staggered starts, new drop off and pick up routines, no uniform and the children being kept in self-contained pods. A strict regime of respiratory hygiene and hand washing, alongside additional cleaning protocols are also an important part of our mitigating the risk from the virus. We will be in touch with much greater detail in the following week and will look to prepare the children as far as we can before they return.

I canvassed your views recently on your intention to send your children back to school should we reopen, and I would appreciate if you could update that survey using the following link by Monday 15th June so that we can plan effectively for those attending. The survey link is also in the email. If we do not hear from you we will

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assume that you do not require a place. As I have stated previously, when to send your children back is a difficult decision that lies with you as parents and carers. We are doing all we can to ensure that if you do opt to return to school we will be ready to accommodate them as safely as possible.

[Y3/4 survey link](#)

There is always an element of the unknown with any step like this, but following on from many schools that have opened across the country we can try to mitigate as much of the risk as possible. I would be lying if I said that the staff were not nervous about this as well, but we are very conscious that the children have now been out of school for a long time and the social impact of that is just as great as the academic impact. We know that you have all been working extremely hard to ensure that the children keep up to date, and whatever decision you make as parents and carers you know that you will have the full support of myself and the school.

Yours faithfully,



James Pilgrim
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