

## St Bartholomews Primary School

### Critical Worker Bubbles (this includes those children with an EHCP and those children who are in school by arrangement )

Dear All,

I hope this letter finds you both safe and well. As you know we are continuing our critical worker groups from June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Below are the details of how school will work but everything is subject to change once we have tried everything, reviewed our plans and if there is any new guidance (there have been 11 different documents and numerous updates in the last week). It is essential that all parents and children follow this guidance to keep us all as safe as possible.

#### Critical worker bubbles

There are four bubbles starting on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>

4	Justice League	Year 1/2	Mrs Lucas Williams/Ms Abbot/Ms Thomas/ and Ms Federico
5	Teen Titans	Years 2, 3 & 4	Mr Newbon/ Ms Richardson /Mr Morley/ and Ms Cadar
6	Guardians of the Galaxy	Years 4 & 5	Mrs Davies/Mrs Iles/Mrs Goodson
7	Heroes for Hire	Year 6	Mr Larwood/Mrs Gould

#### Drop off and collection

Please use the main gate on The Peak. We strongly request that you do not drive up The Peak as we want a one-way system on the pavements to allow for physical distancing. Please use the queuing system as shown on the pavement and prepare your child to be dropped off to a member of staff. Parents will not be able to enter the school in the morning and only one parent will be asked to bring their child to school. If your child is in year 5 and 6 and is able to come on their own please ensure they are aware of the time to arrive.

On entering school, children will be asked to wash their hands, and this will be a continuous feature of the day, e.g. on entry to the school, after playtime, before lunch, etc

Bubbles 4 and 5 will operate normal times: arrive at 8.55am leave at 3.30pm.

Bubbles 6 and 7 will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. Children can arrive from 8.30am.

#### Collection at the end of the day

Please arrive at the time given and go to the gate on Peak Hill. There is a one-way system in place and you will leave by the gate on The Peak.

#### Breakfast club and after school care.

We are continuing to run this for critical workers children only. If you need to use breakfast club please arrive between 7.45 and 8am only using the gate on The Peak. If you need after school care we will run it as before please buzz when you need to collect.

## School Uniform

As part of the guidance it is suggested that children have clean clothes every day as the virus can live on clothes for up to 12 hours. If possible please wear school uniform but if not please wear sensible clothes in school colours and practical footwear (no football kits please). Children will not be changing for PE.

Please do not bring anything into school including book bags, toys etc. The only item children may bring with them into school is their packed lunch, snack and a water bottle. For safety the water fountains have been disconnected. Children will be able to refill their bottle during the day. If your child has school dinners these will be provided as normal by Chartwells.

The children will be provided with a curriculum that will focus on aspects of learning and well-being. Children will all have experienced very different situations during the last few months, and will all be coming back to school in very different emotional places – our priority will be to ensure their wellbeing.

We have adapted our current behaviour policy. There will be zero tolerance of children breaking the rules that might lead to any adult or child being endangered. Any deliberate breaking of the rules which endangers the health of others cannot be tolerated. Any child that does, will be excluded.

If a child falls ill during the school day and is demonstrating signs of having COVID 19, they will be isolated with an adult in full PPE. They will be sent home as quickly as possible and the family will have to isolate for 14 days. They should also have the child tested as soon as possible to see whether or not they do have the virus. On the same day every parent will be phoned to inform them that we have had to send a child home. Once we have the test result if it is positive then the other children and adults who are part of that child's bubble will also be sent home to isolate for 14 days. We will, of course, keep you fully informed if your child is involved in this situation.

To ensure good ventilation the children will be in classrooms that will have the windows and doors open. We will not be using the air-conditioning during this period.

Playtimes will also be staggered, and children will only be with their 'bubble'. Children will be encouraged to play games that are physically distanced.

Children who do return will be expected to be in school full-time.

I hope this all makes sense and you can see why we are doing what we are doing. If you have any queries please email me directly and I will try and give you an answer. I ask that everyone adheres to the timings and is as patient as you can be.

Many thanks

Mrs Davies