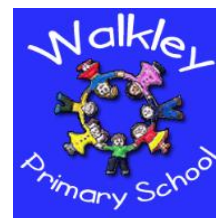


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22nd May 2020

Coronavirus Update – The Wider Opening of School June 2020

Government plans, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in England will return to school from 1 June.

For primary schools, classes should normally be split in half, with no more than 15 pupils per small group and one teacher (and, if needed, a teaching assistant). If there are any shortages of teachers, then teaching assistants can be allocated to lead a group, working under the direction of a teacher. Vulnerable children and children of critical workers in other year groups should also be split into small groups of no more than 15. Desks should be spaced as far apart as possible.

The lists of requirements needed to ensure minimal risk to pupils, staff and parents is exhaustive and it is my duty to let you know today that the school will **NOT be able to open on 1st June** as we cannot get into place all that is required before that date. We aim to give you at least one week notice ahead of the reopening date when we are confident that we have all our strategies in place. **This is because we are paying meticulous attention to detail and consulting with all the key groups that need to know how Walkley will work**

Thank you for your overwhelming support and faith in us that we will get it as right as we can and remember, it remains your choice whether your child/ren return when we do open more widely.

You will receive full documentation clearly setting out how we have prepared the school and individual classrooms as soon as possible and before we open our doors again. I can assure you that, as in everything that we do, we are thoroughly planning how to make this work to ensure minimum risk whilst legislation changes from day to day. In the end we will do what is right for Walkley children, Walkley staff and the ever tricky Walkley building and grounds.

Discussions have also taken place around

- Planning and organisation of our 15 'bubble' groups ✓
- PPE and site modification for pupils, staff and parents ✓
- Learning and Home learning
- Communication with Governors, Senior Leadership Team staff, pupils and parents. ✓
- Data Collection
- Site Management ✓
- Cleaning and hygiene ✓
- Use of resources
- Reducing social interaction of pupils. ✓

- Use of our outdoor spaces✓
- Staffing implications
- Treating illness and accidents in school✓

All these discussions are now being actioned

We feel that we are close to a workable solution and when we have all our details in place we will be writing in full with clear information about what this means in practice. Thank you for your responses to previous requests for feedback through the online survey. We now have to find establish the number of places required for Reception, Yr1 and Yr6 pupils as this gives us a clear indication on which to base our response.

We know that this does not answer your questions at the moment, but we should be able to give you a lot more information about what our school will look like in the new 'normal' in the very near future.

Stay safe and well

Val Sian and the Walkley Team.