

Yew Tree Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for your patience and support during these past few months. We know it has been a difficult time for all our families and we really appreciate your messages of support and thanks.

Following government guidelines we have increased the number of children that are attending our school as Year 6 and Year 1 have already returned and we are hoping to welcome Reception children back next week.

During this time school will be open Monday - Thursday to allow staff time for preparing the classrooms and work.

School will remain open all week for the vulnerable children and key worker children as has been the case for the past months.

Children continue to work in small groups of no more than 15 (usually a lot less than this) and are working in the same classroom and with the same members of staff.

We will continue to follow guidance on regularly washing hands with the children and encourage you to do the same at home especially before and after school.

To continue to reduce the risks for staff and yourselves can we please remind you of some things you can do:

Please ensure you notify the school office asap if you think your child is displaying symptoms.

The gates to each area will only open a few minutes before each start time and close a few minutes after. Please try to remain 2 metres apart from other parents and adults when attending school. Only one adult to attend when picking up and dropping off children.











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We are asking parents to remain outside of the school building during this period and contact the office by phone if they have any queries or information they wish to share.

All children attending school from June should be in school uniform as this makes it clear to the children that they are coming back to a more 'normal' school and this will hopefully reduce the stress of trying to decide what your child wears every day. Please try to wash/change clothes regularly, daily if possible.

Children who are entitled to a FSM will receive a lunch when they are in school. We will also be providing a lunch for all the infants (universal offer) who attend school and for juniors who pay for a meal. FSM vouchers are no longer available but if you contact the office, a packed lunch can be ordered and collected.

Home learning for those children who are not in school will continue.

Could we request that parents of pupils in Year 6, Year 1 and Reception e-mail their child's teacher to let them know if they are planning on returning their child to school when the time comes, to assist us with our planning?

Once again we appreciate that this is far from perfect and will still cause a number of you and your families some difficulties. We can only apologise and hope that things get back to normal as soon as possible.

We will continue to move forward with our planning but we are aware that guidance from government or the local authority could change at any time but we will keep you as up to date as possible.

Thank you all for your understanding.

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