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School Reopening Plans – Emergency Childcare

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy time in school over the last few weeks – the school has had to change things significantly so that we are ready for a small number of children to return from Monday 15th June. It has been important to read, digest and put in place all of the guidance from the Government and Durham County Council whilst also completing risk assessments to ensure that we are safe.

Thank you to everyone for letting us know if your child is going to return or not. It was important to gather these responses to aid us with planning staffing and provision. **This letter is for the parents and carers who have let us know that their child will be continuing to use the Emergency Childcare from Monday 15th June,**

Groups in Emergency Childcare

We will continue to operate this as one group however children will be split into smaller groups for some learning activities and also when we have more than 15 children in the Emergency Childcare. The group will be staffed by teachers and teaching assistant from both the School and the Nursery.

Children will be kept in a separate part of the school and will not be able to interact with the other groups – just like the other groups in school will not be able to interact with one another either.

A typical day for the children will be morning starter activities, English and Maths and then wider curriculum and creative activities.

Pick Up and Drop Off

Children in Emergency Care will continue to be dropped off and collected from the main office. We will now ask that parents and carers do not enter the school building, but ring the bell and wait on the path outside whilst we collect your child and bring them to you.

Parents and Carers On Site

In order to minimise the risk of the spread of infection, parents will not ordinarily be allowed on site to visit staff. Enquiries can be made at the office, where social distancing is in place. In the first instance, all communication should ideally be by telephone. Following this telephone contact, should any face to face meeting be necessary then this would be arranged by appointment.

What will the children need?

Children will need to wear their own clothes and not school uniform – children must wear clean clothes every day. Please ensure that children can fasten and unfasten clothing independently as we will not be able to assist them with this.



All children must bring their own labelled water bottle. School packed lunches will be available for all children and we recommend that you use this service however if your child would like to bring their own packed lunch, then they must be able to open all items in it independently.

Children will also need to bring sun cream and sun hat – with both items being labelled. We recommend that sun cream is applied before school and then we will supervise the children reapplying at lunchtime – please note that we can not apply sun cream for the children.

Children should not bring any other items from home.

What extra measures have been put in place to minimise risk?

As well as all the measures discussed above, the following have also been put in place:

- Cleaning has been increased in school – key areas are cleaned at various points through the day. Every Wednesday, there will be a deep clean for the whole school.
- Handwashing – all children will be required to wash their hands when they arrive at school, before and after breaks and lunch and also at other regular points through the day.
- Social distancing signage has been placed around the school site – this reminds the children to remain 2m apart from each other.
- We are limiting the number of adults on site – this includes visitors and parents.
- If a child is unwell or needs First Aid, then staff will wear full PPE when treating the children.
- Children entering school as part of the wider reopening are entering at a different entrance to the Emergency Childcare.
- Separate toilets for children using the Emergency Childcare compared to the wider reopening children.

What happens on the days the children are not in school?

The Virtual Classroom will continue to be updated on a weekly basis. We will be following this in school and will encourage the children to complete the other days when they are learning from home

Does my child need to attend Emergency Childcare every day?

No. As we have done throughout the COVID 19 situation, we continue to ask that you only send your child to the Emergency Childcare when you need to.

We ask that you continue to make bookings through the online system at:

<https://oxclosenursery.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Keeping in Touch

We will continue to keep in touch via our normal communication channels. If you have any general questions or concerns then feel free to email oxcloseprimary@durhamlearning.net and someone will get back to you.

Yours faithfully,

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