



BAYSIDE  
ACADEMY

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the third week of partial re-opening, I would like to update you on our plans for the next phase in our reopening of the academy.

The measures that we have put in place since the start of June, to allow more pupils to attend school, have been adopted successfully by staff and children. Many thanks to all of you who have been so flexible and understanding about the staggered drop off and pick up times.

Having analysed pupil attendance and contacted many families to ascertain who is considering returning to school, we have now made the decision to widen our offer of places to pupils in Year Five **from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. Existing arrangements will remain for the rest of this week and we will continue to stay open for pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Six, as well as for critical worker pupils and children meeting governmental 'Vulnerable' status. Our Year Fives will be transitioning into secondary school in just over a year and we want them to have as long as possible in school in order to provide them with a platform for success for their future education. We will continue to consider opening for other pupils in the coming weeks, but for the immediate future will not be able to open more widely for children in Years Two, Three or Four.

In order to facilitate, there are some practical changes that need to be enacted. I have detailed these alterations on the next page. We have tried to cause as little disruption as possible, but know that these changes will alter timings for some children and require some families to have two separate entry times. Do talk to us if you would like to discuss any of the changes.

Be assured that we will continue to maintain the protective measures that we have in place to protect the safety of all members of the community. Social distancing measures, small 'bubble' sizes and high levels of cleaning and hygiene will be maintained, as will the isolation of any bubble if any member displays symptoms.

Due to the staffing required to teach smaller groups of children, the need to limit the number of adults that each bubble is exposed to and the enhanced cleaning requirements, we will need to continue to close earlier on a Friday to all pupils. Again, details of this are provided in the information that follows.

I hope that everyone is well and continuing to stay positive as we find a way back to a more normal way of life.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Vernon  
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## Timings

All pupils have been placed in a colour 'bubble' to join within their year group.

Colour bubbles will be texted to you to confirm bubbles for next week – if you are expecting a place but do not receive a text by the end of this week, please let us know through the school email or phone line.

Bubbles enter and exit the school at different times:

	Arrive	Depart Monday – Thursday	Depart Friday
<b>Yellow</b>	8:30	2:45	12:15
<b>Blue</b>	8:45	3:00	12:30
<b>Orange</b>	9:00	3:15	12:45
<b>Purple</b>	9:15	3:30	1:00

Children also access school through different entrances:

	Reception	Year 1	Years 2	Years 3/4/5	Year 6
<b>Yellow</b>	Walk through playground to Reception classrooms. Queue and children enter through gate.		Walk through playground to Year 2 gate. Queue and enter.	Walk into school, turn left and drop your child to the entrance to 'Woodlands' / rear entrance to the school.	Say goodbye at playground entrance. Pupils enter through front doors.
<b>Blue</b>					
<b>Orange</b>	Walk to exit on Turlin Road.	Walk through playground to Year 1 classrooms. Queue and children enter through gate.		Continue to follow the path around the back of the school to the exit on Turlin Road.	Adults walk through playground to exit on Turlin Road.
<b>Purple</b>		Walk to exit on Turlin Road.			

## Lunches

Children in Reception and Year One can continue to order hot meals in the usual way from Chartwells. Other pupils attending need to bring a packed lunch to school. Families of children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are eligible for means tested Free School Meals will continue to receive government vouchers for next week.

## Uniform

Children are expected to wear uniform but do not require a tie currently. There is no need to bring a PE kit to school but children should come with a water bottle, have sun cream applied and wear a hat when the weather is fine.

## Walking to school

Pupils can walk to school on their own, but must observe social distancing. If not, we will ask you to accompany them or have to deny entry as we need to ensure the maximum safety procedures.

## Year Group Arrangements **From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

### Reception

There are no changes for Reception pupils. All pupils remain in the same bubbles with the same staffing as this week. Timings of the school day are also unaffected.

### Year One

Pupils who have been attending in the Blue or Orange group will now merge together to make a new bubble which will be the Year One Blue group.

Children who have been attending in the Purple group will remain in the Purple group.

Other children who have not yet attended and who have told us that they are considering returning will be allocated either Blue or Purple group.

### Year Two, Three and Four

If you are a critical worker or if your child(ren) meet(s) the governmental 'Vulnerable' category and we have confirmed a place with you, your child will continue to be in Yellow Group. If you have not been offered a place but consider that you are eligible, please get in touch with us.

Year Two pupils continue to enter school in the same way, through the normal entrance, off the playground.

Year Three and Four pupils will now all be in Woodlands – please bring the children into school around the back and then follow the path out onto Turlin Road.

### Year Five

Your child will be allocated either Blue, Orange or Purple group. Please enter through the front gates and then drop your child around the back of the school before following this path back onto Turlin Road.

When picking up at the allocated time, please come around the back of the school and collect from the hall doors.

### Year Six

All pupils in Year Six will be allocated into either Orange or Purple group. Please be aware that these bubbles have been completely rearranged. Therefore, should any child in the year group develop symptoms in line with Covid-19 during next week, the whole of the year group will need to isolate until testing is completed.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch via email or phone using the normal details.