

# *Castlecroft Primary School*

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Dear Parents,

Our school management team (Mr Dyll, Mrs Birbeck-Simpson, Mrs Russell, and Mr Dimmock) have met several times to action plan the *possible* school re-opening to Nursery, Reception, Year 1, and Year 6 in June following Government national, local and union guidance. This has been a very complex process and we will do our best to share that information as clearly as we can.

Please note the following important information:

- If schools re-open in June then Wolverhampton Local Authority have decided that the 1st June will be an inset day for all Primary schools to make the changes necessary to classrooms and to plan with staff.  
**Castlecroft Primary School will therefore be closed to all children on June 1st.**
- We have decided that our intake will be staggered starting with Year 6 on the 2nd June unless the government delays the re-opening of schools. Key worker children will continue as normal for the time being.
- **The government have made it clear that schools must prioritise the children of Key workers (as identified on the the original list) and vulnerable children. Therefore we will only be able to open to other year groups if we have the capacity to do so and this is dependent upon the number of keyworker children who need places.**
- The children in school will be placed in groups called bubbles of no more than ten pupils. These bubbles will not be allowed to mix at any time in the school day. Each bubble will have its own staff team (sadly this may not be their usual teachers) and the bubbles will not mix with other staff. Each bubble will have their own class base but again sadly this may not be their usual classroom.
- After lengthy discussions, we have decided that because we are limiting the social interaction of the children to such small groups we will not need to place strict social distancing measures such as hoops or crosses on the floor etc as you may have seen on the news, in the class bases. We feel that this would be upsetting for the children especially for the younger ones and we don't want to make school a negative experience. However, we will encourage good hygiene rules such as regular handwashing, limited sharing of classroom equipment such as toys and no sharing of individual equipment such as stationery, daily washing of classroom equipment, daily cleaning of class bases, deep cleaning of class bases once a week and for the older children their own desk that they will sit at each day.

**Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6:** If we are in a position to accept these year groups they will only be able to attend school Monday to Thursday to allow for deep cleaning of classrooms and to ensure that teachers have time to plan and prepare for the following week, (for children both in school and those learning at home). This group will not be able to access any out of hours clubs sadly as the bubbles are not able to be mixed.

**Keyworker children:** These children will be able to attend school Monday to Friday but will now be sorted into bubbles. One of the bubbles will have all the children who need to access out of hours clubs to allow us to still offer this provision.

**This means that as a key worker parent you now need to decide if you wish your child to be placed in one of their year group bubbles (Monday to Thursday only with no access to club. To be clear this means that they can no longer attend school on a Friday) or if you wish them to remain in a keyworker group.**

We must stress:

- that once in a bubble the children will not be able to move to another bubble so parents cannot change their minds.
- Only parents who are keyworkers according to the government original list are entitled to a keyworker place
- We cannot now take any more requests for year group places so if you did not respond by the extended deadline we are sorry but you cannot contact us now for a place.

We are sorry for the short notice but it is only once we started allocating staff and children to bubbles that we realised that you would need the information about the offers to decide which group you want your child to be in if you are a keyworker. It will only be once we know the key worker bubbles that we will be able to consider extending provision to other year groups.

**Keyworkers now need to contact school by telephone 01902556606 or the school email [office@castlecroftprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@castlecroftprimaryschool.co.uk) by the end of school on Friday to let us know which group they wish their child to be in or to confirm that you no longer require a keyworker place.**

We will write to you again with the rest of the information you need as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Castlecroft Primary School Senior Management Team.