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PROPOSED WIDER OPENING OF ASTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL – VERY IMPORTANT!

Dear Families,

We hope you are all ok and enjoying the sunshine. This letter contains lots of **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION** about our wider opening on **1st June for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**. Key workers will be eligible to attend as normal. **It is essential that everyone reads this**, as even though your child may not be attending in June, the measures we have put into place will potentially be relevant when your child returns. As communicated previously, this is dependent on government guidelines, which we are expecting to know more about by the end of next week.

We have completed comprehensive risk assessments in line with government guidelines and have outlined below some key changes and features of school that will look different to you and your child. This risk assessment has been agreed by governors and will be reviewed regularly. **Please have a good read through the information and call or email us with any questions.**

'BUBBLE SYSTEM':

Within school your child will be assigned 'a bubble' of children and adults with whom they will remain throughout the school day. This is based on scientific advice to minimise contact across groups. Within these bubbles, social distancing will still be adhered to wherever possible. These bubbles will have staggered drop off, break, lunch and pick up times to allow for social distancing. All classrooms in use will be set up for social distancing and children will be provided with their own equipment and resources to minimise contact with others. See below for more detail.

CLASS	DROP-OFF TIME	PICK UP TIME
Reception	9am	3:30pm
Year 1 (x2 bubbles)	8:45am	3:15pm
Year 6	9am	3:30pm
Key Workers (x2 bubbles)	8:30am	3pm

We will be sending more information regarding the staff within each bubble and any other information you need about groupings after the government announcement next week. **Please keep checking your emails.**

DROP-OFF / PICK UP PROCEDURE:

It is really important in order to maintain social distancing as much as possible that you adhere to some specific measures.

- We will be operating a **one way system** throughout school grounds.
- All parents and children should **enter through the top gate** (furthest from the office)
- Please follow **signage**.
- In line with other familiar settings such as supermarkets, we will be implementing a **2m distanced queuing system**.
- Please arrive **at your designated drop-off and pick up time**.
- **Please try and avoid being early or late** to this time to aid social distancing and to minimise contact.
- If possible, **one adult only to accompany children** to school.
- Please ensure that you travel to and from school as **one household group** only.
- Please try and use **alternate bike racks** when you reach this queue point.
- There will be a **'drop box'** for any money, notes or information you may need to hand in.
- There will be **no access to the office** unless by prior appointment.
- There will always be a member of **SLT** when you arrive at school, **when you are at the front of the line you can release your child** and we will send them in to their allocated classroom.
- When picking up, you will queue in the same way and your child will be brought to you when you are at the front of the line. **Please be patient**.
- There will be **no gatherings** on or access to the playground; once your child has gone in to school you will **exit the grounds via the gate nearest the hall**.

LUNCHES:

- **Nurse** will continue to provide lunches, however these will be **packed lunches only in the first instance**. Your child can bring in a home packed lunch or order a school packed lunch in the normal way. If your child receives a Universal Free School Meal (FS and KS1) or Free School Meal this will continue, including those that collect a lunch at the moment.
- If your child has a **home packed lunch**, please try and provide your child (where possible) with wrappers that they can open themselves. Our brilliant dinner ladies will, of course, still be there to help, but we need to try and limit contact where possible.
- Please ensure your child has their **own water bottle** in school every day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

- We are encouraging children to **wear their school uniform clothes** as we feel it important they start to **reintegrate into school life**.
- Children will not be changing for PE, and much of the time will be spent outdoors so **trainers or comfortable footwear are encouraged**.
- Please ensure **clothing is kept clean** to help us maintain cleanliness of the school.

HYGIENE PROCEDURES:

- We will be carrying out a **deep clean** of the school during half term.
- Children will be asked to **wash their hands** on arrival and at regular times throughout the day.
- There will be **hand sanitising stations** in every classroom.
- In line with our risk assessment we will be ensuring **regular cleans** throughout the day of all spaces and areas.

FIRST AID:

- This will be administered as normal, and we will be encouraging children to be dealing with any minor first aid to be dealt with by themselves.
- Any need for prolonged or closer contact will be carried out by specific members of staff wearing PPE. You may wish to talk to your child about this.
- We also have specific **procedures in place** for any suspected cases of COVID-19.
- In the first instance we will be administering prescription only medication, please call to discuss this with the office on a case by case basis.
- If sun cream is needed please ensure this is applied in the morning before school.

ACE CURRICULUM:

We are currently working to adapt our curriculum offering. We appreciate the last few months will have had varying impacts on everyone, and the **wellbeing of your children is paramount**. See below for some of our key areas:

- Mindfulness and wellbeing
- Speaking and listening
- Reading
- Maths
- Physical activity
- Life Skills
- Education on limiting the spread of the virus
- Outdoor learning
- Topic / theme based learning

Home learning will continue as now and twitter engagement will continue to support those not in school.

We know this is a lot of information to take in, but we hope that it is clear and assures you we are doing everything possible to **minimise risk** and give the children a **happy and safe** welcome back to school.

Please note – this wider opening will only be **confirmed after government approval**, expected on **Thursday 28th May**. We will be in contact as soon as we have this information.

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 and have not yet let us know if they will be attending from 1st June **please let us know by 9am on Friday 29th May**. Please do not arrive at school if you have not informed us you are coming.

Thank you for your incredible support in this difficult time, we are so proud of the whole Astley community and hope that these are the first steps towards adapting to our 'new normal'.

Keep smiling,

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Mrs Goakes and Mr Seager