

## **Return to School – Frequently Asked Questions – 28.5.20**

***Am I allowed to bring siblings with me up the drive when I drop-off and pick-up if I don't have anyone to look after them?***

Yes, but we would ask that all children remain close to their parents and adhere to social distancing.

***Can I delay making a decision about my child returning to school?***

We would ask that you make a decision now for the first three-week phase so that we are able to plan appropriately according to the number of children returning. After this three-week period has been reviewed, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 and you decide that you would then like them to return to school we will be able to discuss this with you.

***Will my child be with their usual class teacher?***

Yes, unless the teacher is taken unwell, both Bubble A and Bubble B will be led by the class teacher. This means that the teacher (and in some cases a teaching assistant) will be working across both Bubbles for each year group, but these will be the only people to do so and the staff will be maintaining social distancing within the school. There will also be a deep clean of the school on a Wednesday between Bubble A finishing for the week and Bubble B starting.

***If my child becomes upset, will the class teacher be able to cuddle and comfort them?***

Supporting our children emotionally on their return to school is our prime consideration. In the younger years, we know that children might find it difficult and be especially tearful. As a school we have a shared view that in our younger classes, if your child is upset and needs a cuddle then we will offer this if we feel it is appropriate.

***Is it possible to swap to a different Bubble if it clashes with my working days?***

Unfortunately, we are not able to do this. We have grouped the children according to friendships and siblings across year groups. If we were to open up the groupings to changes it is possible that lots of parents would start asking us to swap groups and it would become untenable.

***I am worried about my child who is not coming into school at the moment falling behind. Do you think that there will be catch-up schooling available over the summer break?***

Unfortunately, we do not think that this is something we will be able to offer. However, we will signpost parents to a variety of websites that are offering some excellent content for primary school children. Please try not to worry too much about this; this will be our job when the children hopefully all return to school in the Autumn Term.

***When will the video be available for us to look at the changes on the school site?***

We hope to have the video available for parents by the middle of next week. We will send out a text when it is on the website.

***Is Cheapside School offering a similar provision to other local schools?***

Yes. We have worked very hard as both a borough and a cluster to communicate openly and effectively about the return to school, and where possible have tried to align ourselves closely to each other. However, it is not one size fits all and not all of the local settings look exactly the same. That said, all of the schools in our cluster have initially offered a part-time return to school although each school may make changes depending on the number of children who return.

***Could you clarify some of the things children from Years 1 and 6 need to bring in from the resource list?***

Pencils – should include a writing pencil and some coloured pencils if possible.

Pens – a selection of coloured felt tips if you have them. Year 6 should also bring in a writing pen.

***How will we be able to keep packed lunches cool in this hot weather if they are in a disposable bag?***

We would recommend that you freeze an item of the packed lunch to defrost during the morning to keep the lunch cool e.g. Frube, carton of juice, fruit pouch, disposable ice cube packs etc.

***Will there be any risk of cross-contamination with other food if my child brings in her own lunch?***

Children will be eating lunch in their classrooms, at a designated table. The table will be cleaned prior to and after eating. Each child will store their lunch in their own personal tray and they will be the only person to handle or touch their food.

***My child is very sensitive to hand sanitizer, causing a skin reaction - would she be able to wash them instead of using hand sanitizer instead when entering school?***

As long as we are made aware in advance, we can make provision for your child to wash their hands immediately instead of using the sanitizer at the school gate. You may provide hand cream for your child but they would need to be able to apply this themselves.

***When will we find out which pupils are in which Bubble?***

Class teachers have ensured that Bubbles have been grouped according to friendships, we do not know at this point in time who is and is not intending to send their child back as this remains a parental choice, but rest assured that the children in your child's Bubble will be part of their friendship group.

*Could you confirm what a 'grab bag' comprises?*

In the summer term, Wilson Jones always provide a 'grab bag' which proves very popular. In the grab bag there is usually a sandwich (the fillings are normally a choice of ham, cheese or tuna) which is usually in a baguette but sometimes is a sandwich (we are not sure which of these it will be at this point). There is also usually a drink, a piece of fruit and something sweet like a yoghurt or a flapjack.