



Dear Parents/Carers,

15.06.2020

The Secretary of State for Education finally clarified the government's position regarding the full opening of primary schools for a month before the end of term. He has accepted that most schools (particularly primaries) do not have the capacity, in terms of both physical space and teachers, to SAFELY welcome back all students, but went on to say that if schools do have capacity, then government would like them to accommodate the return of more children before the end of the summer term. From **Tuesday 30th June**, we will be able to welcome **Year 5** children back, Tuesday – Thursday that week and then Monday – Thursday for the remaining 2 weeks of term.

If there are shielding concerns for your child as someone in your household is classed as clinically extremely vulnerable attendance is not advised at this stage. Clinically extremely vulnerable is defined as persons who:

1. ***have had a solid organ transplant – kidney, liver, pancreas, heart, or lung***
2. ***are having treatments for some cancers***
3. ***have severe long-term lung disease including cystic fibrosis and severe asthma***
4. ***have rare diseases and inborn errors of metabolism that increase their risk of infection***
5. ***are on medication that compromises their immune system and so are much more likely to get infections and become seriously unwell from them***
6. ***are pregnant with significant heart disease***

Also, Children **should not attend** if they have symptoms or are self-isolating due to illness in their household.

The Government is clear that parents will ***not*** be fined for non-attendance at this time. Parents should inform school either by telephone (01902 558608) or email rakegate.primary@wolverhampton.gov.uk before **3.00pm on Friday 19th June** as to whether or not you plan to send your child to school from the 30th June.

When you child(ren) return we ask you to follow the following procedures:

- Adhere to the one way system when entering and leaving the school site.
- Social distance from other people on school site.
- Only one parent to bring their child/children on to the site.
- Ensure children arrive between 8.40am and 9.00am.
- Adhere to our queuing system (marked out with tape) to escort your child/children to their usual gate where a member of staff on duty will direct your child into the school building.
- Please leave the site immediately after dropping off your child/children this will minimise the number of people on site at one time.
- At the end of the day there will be staggered finish times as follows. To minimise the number of people on site, please ensure you collect your child/children at the specified times,
- **Reception:** 2.30pm, **Year 1:** 2.45pm, **Year 5:** 3.00pm and **children classed as vulnerable and children of key workers** at 3.10pm. Please collect from the same gates you dropped them off at in the morning and queue on the social distancing cones. Your child will be brought to you. We ask for your patience, as this may take longer than the normal collection routine.
- Do not enter main reception unless necessary – only one person allowed at a time, please queue up on the cones.

- Year 5 may come to school and go home on their own if you wish.
- School meals will be provided as normal but children can bring a packed lunch if they prefer.
- The Sandwell Road gate will be closed between 9.00am and 2.25pm in order to minimise the number of people on the school premises.

In order to keep everyone safe:

- A Covid-19 Risk Assessment has been put in place to protect the pupils, parents and staff of Rakegate.
- Children and staff will wash their hands regularly throughout the day and especially: on arrival at school, after going outside, after using the toilet, before and after eating, after coughing or sneezing.
- Children will be socially distanced and have their own work station and resource packs in the classroom.
- Any resources used will be cleaned after use.
- Classroom door handles will be cleaned at the end of each lesson.
- Hand sanitiser and soap will be readily available in each room and tissues will be available for all.
- Children will be kept in their bubble of no more than 10 children. They will stay with their bubble throughout the day and will not mix with children from other bubbles at any times during the day, this includes, playtimes and lunchtimes. The same members of staff will be with them for the four days also. (This may not be your usual child's teacher or classroom)
- If a child becomes ill, they will be immediately isolated from the rest of the bubble until a parent can be contacted to collect them.
- Regular cleaning will take place every day.

We ask that you support us with keeping children safe by:

- Ensuring that they have a clean uniform every day. Children to wear their PE tops. No school tie.
- Ensuring children wash their hands 20 seconds before coming to school and when they get home.
- Sending your child(ren) in shoes suitable for outdoor PE and activities.
- Not sending children in with any resources from home (No book bags or reading books)
- Send in a filled water bottle for them to drink from throughout the day. This will be sent home each night for cleaning.
- Reinforcing with them the importance of regular handwashing and social distancing.
- Not sending your child(ren) to school if they are unwell or displaying any symptoms of Covid-19.

We will not send out any paper letters, all communication will be done through Marvellous Me, Facebook, Twitter and the school website. If you wish to communicate with us, we would prefer you to do via phone or email if possible rather than face to face meetings.

We will not be accepting any cash so ask that all payments are done: through Sims pay, over the phone by card or through card or contactless at the office.

It is vital that we can contact you immediately if your child is unwell so please ensure we have your current phone numbers and emergency contact numbers.

We look forward to seeing you on 30th June.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Horton
Headteacher

