



Mesne Lea Primary School

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Re: Re-opening of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the school's response to the directive from the Government regarding re-opening Mesne Lea Primary School to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils.

As you are aware, I asked parents/carers to complete an online survey to indicate whether or not they would like their children to return to school. A total of 236 parents completed the survey, with results revealing that 110 pupils would be returning to school, with over 70% of these pupils being keyworker children. In order to facilitate our planning, I have spoken to staff individually to undertake risk assessments to ensure that they are safe to return to school. Having looked at the guidance from the Government and Salford LA and taking in to consideration the number of pupils returning, staffing numbers and the school site, I can now confirm that we will be providing a phased return to school, which will be as follows:

| Date | Year Group | Children per class to maintain social distancing |
|------------------------|------------|--|
| Thursday, 4 June 2020 | 6 | 11 |
| Monday, 8 June 2020 | 1 | 11 |
| Thursday, 11 June 2020 | Reception | 8 |
| Monday, 15 June 2020 | Nursery | 4 |

Please note that these dates are provisional and we reserve the right to modify or withdraw provision at any time, if staff or pupil safety is at risk.

Children who are vulnerable or who have parents or carers who are keyworkers will be given priority.

School Closure on Wednesdays

In order to maintain strict hygiene protocols recommended by the Government, we will be closing to pupils on Wednesdays to ensure that the school will be deep-cleaned and staff will be given their planning and preparation time at home, as well as conducting well-being checks.

Keyworker Provision

From Monday, 1 June, we will continue to provide provision for keyworker children who have attended during the lockdown on the agreed days and times. For those pupils who are from keyworker families, who are returning to school, they will be placed in their age appropriate cohort, **which will be available on the following days – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.** There will be some flexibility with drop-off and collection times. If families need 5 full days of support or longer hours (8:00am to 4:30pm) parents should opt for the full-time provision, which will mean that your child will be put in a mixed-age class.



Staggered Start and Finish Times

Due to school following social distancing protocols, **parents will be contacted by school to confirm the start and finish time.** (Please see enclosed map of the school grounds showing the drop-off points in school).

Lunchtimes

Lunch will consist of a sandwich, piece of fruit and a biscuit which will be provided by school and eaten in the classroom, to avoid mixing with other children. Please **refrain** from sending your child into school with a bag or water bottle, as we are attempting to reduce the transmission of the virus. School will provide children with disposable cups of water.

If a child has an allergy or medical need requiring a special diet, then they will be permitted to bring in a packed lunch from home however, the packed lunch must be brought into school in a disposable bag, which will be removed once it is brought into the school building.

Uniform

Children will be allowed to wear their own clothes and it is expected that parents will wash their child's clothes that evening, so that children's clothes will be changed on a daily basis. This is aimed at helping to minimise the spread of infection.

Medical Needs

If a child has medical needs, please can parents/carers ensure that they send into school any equipment that is required, e.g. epi-pens or inhalers. Pupils with personal care needs will require support to manage their needs. Staff will undertake risk assessments which will be shared with parents.

Home Learning Opportunities

We will be developing our home learning opportunities via the Class Dojo learning platform, which will enable staff to interact with their class individually and to upload clips.

Home/School Agreement

We have created a home/school agreement, which identifies the key responsibilities for staff, parents and pupils to ensure that social distancing and infection control protocols are adhered to. (Please see attached home/school agreement). Parents are asked to read the agreement and to email school to confirm that they have read the document and have shared it with their child.

Covid Section on School Website

In order to facilitate communication between home and school, we will be creating a section on the website, which will contain key documentation, such as amended policies and risk assessments.

I want to reassure you that we have undertaken comprehensive risk assessments and reviewed our systems and policies to ensure that we are following the recommended infection control protocols.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the main school office, who will be happy to help you in this matter.

Thank you for your understanding during this very difficult time.

Best wishes



Ms A Nelson
Headteacher