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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for taking the time to fill in the short questionnaire around sending your child back into school should we reopen on June 1st. This has allowed us to plan more accurately and organise groupings and staffing. We are aware that your decision may change over the next week or so which is fine but we would ask that you let us know as soon as possible. This will allow us to ensure we are staffed adequately and safely at all times. Only children on our bubble registers will be allowed to enter school unless prior arrangements have been made with the school office. We would ask that you do not change your arrangements within a one week period as this would affect our staffing and risk assessments. ***June 1st is a training day for staff so that we are able to familiarise ourselves with the new guidelines and routines within school but school will still be open for keyworker children.***

I now want to share with you our plans for the safe reopening of Badger Hill. This will include what the school day will look like, staffing arrangements, groupings for your child/children, health and safety information and what drop off and pick up arrangements will look like. Hopefully this will answer the majority of your questions but as always we are here to answer anything that you think we haven't covered.

School Organisation

The school week will be split into 2 halves for reception, Y1 and Y6. Your child/children have been allocated a 'bubble' which will be either bubble A or bubble B. All bubble A children will attend school on a Monday and Tuesday while bubble B children will attend school on a Thursday and Friday. You will be notified by email if your child is in bubble A or bubble B, the room which they will be based in and the staff which will be working within that bubble. **Please note that this will not be until Tuesday 26th May due to finalising risk assessments within school and across the MAT.**

Please note if your child is in the key worker group then school is open all week and we will continue to take bookings on a weekly basis.

Below is a copy of what a typical day will look like at Badger Hill for the children that attend school. This will be the same whichever two days you attend or if you are a key worker.

	Reception A/B (based in Reception classroom and Year 1 classroom) Use Reception toilets with social distancing guidance in place	Year 1 A/B (based in Y2 and Y3 classroom) Use Y1/2 toilets with social distancing guidance in place	Year 6 A/B (based in Y6/Y4 classroom) Use 5/6 toilets with social distancing guidance in place	Key Workers (based in Y5) Use 5/6 toilets with social distancing guidance in place
Drop off (see separate letter)	Playground collection and then enter through R/Y1 doors 9.15	Playground collection and then enter through Y2/3 doors 9.00	Playground collection and then enter through Y6 doors 8.45	Playground collection and then enter through double doors off playground. 8.00-8.30
Session One	Classroom based	Classroom based	Classroom based	Classroom based
Break	10.30-10.45 (Reception grassed area)	10.30-10.45 (Main Playground)	10.30 10.45 (MUGA)	10.15-10.30 (MUGA)
Session Two	Classroom based	Classroom based	Classroom based	Classroom based
Lunch	Packed lunches in classroom 12.15-12.45 and 15 mins on Reception grassed area	Packed lunches in classroom 12.15-12.45 and 15 mins on main playground	Packed lunches in classroom 12.15-12.45 and 15 mins on MUGA	Packed lunches in classroom 12.00-12.30 and 15 mins on MUGA
PM sessions	Outside learning if possible – Reception grassed area	Outside learning if possible – playground based split with key workers	Outside learning if possible – MUGA based	Outside learning if possible – playground based split with key workers
Pick up	Leaving through R/Y1 door and then playground collection 2.30	Leaving through Y2/3 door and then playground collection 2.45	Leaving through double doors and then playground collection 3.00	Collection between 3.15-3.30 (unless ASC)

We have organised a one way system for drop off and pick up and a separate letter will be sent to explain this in more detail. This will help to ensure we are maintaining social distancing at all times. We would also ask that only ***one adult drops off and picks up where possible, this includes not bringing siblings to school.*** If anyone should have siblings in another group we would arrange that they arrived and left at the same time. There will also be markings on the school playground as well as clear signage to ensure parents/children understand the system.

We have also staggered drop off and pick up times (see timetable above) to allow for maximum social distancing at all times.

Health and safety in school

We will have mobile handwashing stations situated in key positions around school (these will move dependent on the time of day) and children will wash their hands whenever they enter the school building including before and after breaks and lunch. Each classroom will have their own cleaning stations which will include hand sanitiser, cleaning wipes for equipment and cleaning equipment for surfaces. Alongside this each classroom will have their own first aid kit and tissues which will be placed into lidded bins to stop any further transmission of germs. ***There will be further information from Pathfinder on all of the added safety measures we have put into place to ensure school is as safe as it can be for children and staff to return.***

Children must not to bring anything into school other than their coat and a packed lunch if they are not having a school lunch. This is to ensure that we are sharing as little as possible between home and school. School uniform is optional and we are happy with whatever works best for you. We are aware that some children may have grown out of uniform etc... **We would ask that you let the school office know if you require a school lunch (more information to be sent out regarding lunches)** Lunch in school would be a cold packed lunch only. Children will eat in the classrooms each day.

Staff will not wear PPE routinely although they will follow social distancing rules where possible and follow a very rigorous system for handwashing etc. PPE will only be worn if staff need to support children 1:1 or should any children become ill during the school day or show symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19). The PPE would be a mask, apron and gloves. If children do show signs of coronavirus whilst in school, parents would be telephoned and children would be removed to a safe area with a member of staff. The current guidelines state that children should then be tested for coronavirus and must remain out of school until the results are returned. If negative the child may return to school but if positive they must then isolate for 14 days along with all members of their 'bubble'. This would include any staff within that bubble. The same rules apply if a member of staff should display symptoms as well.

Learning in school

The school day will be different when the children return on June 2nd and staff are acutely aware of the emotional/pastoral support that the children will need. This will be offered to all children. If we feel some children need more individual support we will be able to offer this remotely, supported by our pastoral team in school. Mental health and wellbeing will be the key focus initially and then we will begin to implement reading, phonics, key skills in maths and writing across the year groups. Afternoon sessions will be based outside as recommended in the DFE guidance and will focus on science and topic work. The learning which will take place will mirror the home learning across year groups 2,3,4 and 5 where possible.

More information will follow early next week.

I'm sure that this letter does not answer all of your questions but I hope it is a good start. Staff are happy to answer questions via email as this is currently the easiest method of communication. All emails should be directed to the office and will be forwarded to the correct member of staff. If you would like to speak to a class teacher then please contact the school office.

As always I am more than happy for you to contact me either directly on my email or through the school office.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Whittingham