



Erdington Hall Primary School
SUMMIT LEARNING TRUST

Thursday 21st May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We know that you may have a lot of questions about the reopening of school. Hopefully, this letter will provide you with some more clarity and answer some of your questions and worries. Please be aware that we are awaiting a further decision from the Government which is due on Tuesday 26th May. Final arrangements will be confirmed on Monday 1st June via text and email to parents.

Summit Learning Trust has made the decision that Erdington Hall will do a phased return for years 6, 1 and Reception.

- Year 6 will return to school on Wednesday 3rd June at 8.45am
- Year 1 will return to school on Monday 8th June at 9.05am
- Reception will return to school on Wednesday 10th June at 9.25am

The children of Key Workers who are currently attending school will continue to attend from Monday 1st June.

In the questionnaire that we ran, some parents have indicated that they will be sending their children back to school whilst others are choosing to keep them at home. For those parents that choose to keep their children at home, there is no penalty for this; the decision is down to the individual parents making this decision for their own child. The Government states that, "Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time."

I hope that the rest of this letter provides with you with the answers to questions you may have and explains how we intend to manage the reopening of school. We will continue to review our systems in school, following any further guidance given. You will be informed about changes we make.

Kind regards,

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Mrs W Cotterill

Principal

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Here are some of the changes that will happen at Erdington Hall:

- Children will start and end the school day at different times.
 - Year 6 arrive at 8.45 – 9am and finish school at 3.15pm
 - Year 1 arrive at 9.05 – 9.20am and finish school at 3pm
 - Reception arrive at 9.25 – 9.40am and finish school at 2.45pm
- Children SHOULD NOT wear school uniform and MUST come in clean clothes daily.
- Children should only bring a water bottle to school. They must not bring a book bag as they are not able to bring books home.
- Children in Year 6 who make their own way to school will still be able to do so (ensuring that they socially distance)
- Parents/carers and their children will have to observe 2 metre social distancing and there may be markers and signs on the playground to help with this.
- Only one adult is allowed to bring/collect their children to and from school.
- If your child is upset when you bring them to school, we will not be able to physically take them off you as we might have done in the past - a member of staff will encourage them from a safe distance.
- Teachers will have to stay 2metres away from children at all times, including in the classroom and outdoors.
- Parents/carers will not be able to remain in the playground after their child is in the school building.
- There will be no breakfast club or after school clubs.
- School will finish for all pupils at 1pm on Fridays, except those of key worker children. This enables school to be deep cleaned and teachers to plan for the following week.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – WHEN SCHOOL REOPENS

Can you guarantee my child's safety?

We will do our absolute best to keep your children safe. However, we cannot 100% guarantee your child's safety. We will do everything that we possibly can to ensure that children social distance and maintain good hand hygiene at all times.

How will you manage the children and staff so that they are safe as possible?

- The school building, including corridors, will also have plenty of signs to remind and encourage children to social distance.
- Children will be taught and supervised in small groups - These will be known as 'Bubbles'. The maximum bubble size will be 15.
- Children will have two teachers allocated to teach their group on a rota basis. This limits contact with other children and adults.
- Children will sit on their own at a table. This table will be placed 2m apart from other tables.
- When queueing in the corridors, children will be stood on markers that will be placed 2m apart.
- Children will not be mixing with other groups. They will have playtimes, lunchtimes and class time with their bubble. Therefore, they will not see children in other bubbles.
- Children will not be sharing tables or equipment. They will have a set of stationery.
- Break-times and lunchtimes will be at different times so that children do not mix.
- The school will be cleaned throughout the day
- We have extra hand sanitisers in school
- Staff will be provided with PPE when dealing with First Aid and unwell children.
- Children will be made to wash their hands regularly throughout the day.

What will a typical classroom look like?

Here you can see a photograph of what our classrooms will look like.



What about children in Nursery, Y2, 3, 4 and 5?

If you have a child in Nursery, Year 2, 3, 4 or 5, it is not possible for them to return to school yet. The government will tell us when other year groups can come to school.

Can I send my child to school on some days but not others?

No. Summit Learning Trust has made the decision that if you are sending your children to school, they must attend every day. If you have chosen to not send your child to school, you cannot change your mind at this point. School will review provision every 2 weeks and contact parents about any changes that happen.

What kind resources will the children be using?

Resourcing will be limited. We will only use equipment that can be wiped down. Laptops and iPads will not be used. Books can be used but only one selected, remembering that each book has to be wiped after use. It may be a case that the class teacher only handles the books as part of story time.

What about children in Reception?

Children in Reception will be expected to maintain the 2m rule (this is going to be challenging!). Children will be able to use some of the equipment that will be put out, providing it can be wiped down. The amount of equipment that we will use will be limited.

The outdoor area will be used, but again, children will not be playing with other bubbles and they will be made to stay 2metres apart from each other.

What will you be teaching? What will the curriculum look like?

Children have spent a very long time away from school and so will have not seen their friends and teachers. Our curriculum will spend a lot of time focusing on:

- 'Mental health
- How to stay safe
- Dealing with the current situation in the world
- Managing emotions and anxieties

In addition to this, there will be a focus on:

- Reading and phonics in Reception and Year 1
- English, Maths and transition in Year 6

Will you continue to put the Weekly Home Learning on your school website?

Yes, we will continue to upload weekly lessons and resources on our school website for all year groups until the school is fully open to all.

School Meals (Universal Infant School Meals/FSM and paid meals)

If your child receives Free School Meals (FSM) or they are in Reception or Year 1, your child will receive a free lunch from school. We will still continue to provide paid meals for children in Year 6 or they can bring a packed lunch.

I am entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). Will my Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 child still get the FSM eCodes (vouchers)?

No. From the 1st June, if you send your child to school, they will have their Free School Meal at school. If you do not send your child to school and they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, they will continue to receive a voucher.

What if a child becomes unwell in school with Coronavirus symptoms?

If any child becomes unwell whilst at school (with Coronavirus symptoms), they will be isolated and must be collected immediately.

Can children get tested for Coronavirus?

All staff and children will be able to be tested if they develop Coronavirus symptoms. Where the person tests positive, the rest of their 'bubble' will be sent home and will be instructed to self-isolate for 14 days.

What about parents picking up and dropping off?

It is not going to be possible to release children from the school gates. Parents will be allowed on school grounds and we will have a queuing system for parents to drop their child off and pick them up. The queues will be 2m apart to allow for social distancing. We ask that parents show patience whilst waiting.