



Dear Parents,

Firstly, thank you to you and your children for the wonderfully heart-warming, tear jerking thank you video that was beautifully put together. It means more than words can express at this time. The staff have all expressed their appreciation at the lift it has given us all so thank you!

Additionally, well done to the children of whom featured in the Somerset Radio show from both schools on Wednesday morning. We are proud of Ms Foord and all of you for being so entertaining and spreading awareness of positive news in these uncertain times for all. If you missed it, you will find a link on our federation website. Well done children, excellent Emerald Power!

Furthermore, at the beginning of this week Nick Cramp our Chair of Governors wrote to you to explain the reasons behind our decision to the further opening of the two schools in our federation. We are confident that we can provide a safe environment for Year 6 and continue to provide for critical key worker and vulnerable children now on BOTH SITES.

We would like to be as open as possible with you as to what life will look like when we welcome these pupils back to both Croscombe and Stoke St Michael Primary Schools on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 whilst also ensuring that all pupils and parents stick to our strict rules of social distancing.

Children will have their own desk that they go to every day. On this desk will be equipment needed to learn. The children will be encouraged to show Ruby Power kindness in NOT sharing this equipment with others in order to keep everyone safe. All toys, shared books and soft furnishings will be removed. Our schools are going to feel very different however we will continue to show our children care that doesn't involve close contact.

#### **General Operation:**

- The children will be in small groups of no more than 15
- In line with the CLP the provision for Year 6 will be from Monday – Thursday 4 days a week. This will enable the site to have an extra deep clean and for teachers to plan and prepare for the following week.
- The provision for Key worker and vulnerable children will continue 5 days a weeks.
- There will be one adult to a group this may or may not be someone different to who they are used to.
- Children must wear CLEAN, WASHED school uniform EVERY DAY. Where this is not practical clean 'home clothes' will be allowed when uniform is in the wash.
- Children must wear trainers and not school shoes. No P.E. kits please.
- The children must NOT bring anything in from home exceptions being: A water bottle (a must as all fountains have been turned off), a coat if needed (coats to be kept on the back of chairs) and their Power Maths book (to be kept on own desk at all times). Please do NOT bring bags

or lunch boxes. Children needing to bring their own lunch must do so in entirely disposable packaging. Eligible children will still be provided with Free School Meals.

- The corridors will be marked out with arrows pointing to one way systems around both schools to ensure the social distancing needed.
- 2 metre distancing markers will be marked out in the playground for lining up time and children will be given a play area for their group where they will be expected to play using 2 metre social distancing games. Play equipment such as balls and hoops will not be used.
- If children fall over or have a toileting incident they will be encouraged to change themselves or clean their own scrape or cut when this is not possible parents will be contacted.
- We have sourced PPE for our staff and non-touch thermometers for when / if we have a suspected case of COVID. If your child is attending the setting you must be immediately contactable and able to collect your child within a short time frame.

### **Drop off and Pick Up Times**

- Key Worker and vulnerable children are to arrive at 9:00 am and be collected at 3pm.
- Year 6 are to arrive at 9:15am and be collected at 3:15pm Monday – Thursday.
- Parents are to adhere to social distancing rules at drop off and pick up times. Send only one adult and you should only bring siblings if you absolutely have no alternative. If you do need to bring siblings they should be by your side and adhering to social distancing rules.
- There will be a one way system at these times to aid you with social distancing, please follow the arrows.
- Parents are not allowed to enter the school grounds or have the daily contact or conversations they need or are used to having with staff. Contact must only be through telephone call or email to the Head of Schools, teacher or school office. Once you have your Tapestry account up and running this is also a safe and effective way to communicate with the adult who is responsible for your child whilst they are on site.

### **In the Classroom**

- The children will remain in their allotted classroom. They will not be allowed to mix with children from another group at all.
- The toilets will be cleaned throughout the day by teachers and staff. Each toilet visit will be monitored to ensure one pupil is in the toilet room at one time.
- All children, of all ages, will sit at desks all facing the same direction where they will be placed at least one metre apart.
- The children will work at their desks. They will not sit on the carpet or floor ever.
- The children's equipment that remains on their desk will be cleaned at the end of the day by the teacher.
- Shared books will not be used. However, our new Chrome Books will be and where possible children will use the same Chrome Book or Ipad each time. These will be wiped down with disinfectant spray by the teacher before and after use.
- In school, lessons will be drawn from the home learning programme see: [Home Learning Class Pages](#). This style of planning will continue to keep consistency between school and home learning.
- Lessons will involve a lot of independent learning as the teachers will not be able to sit next to the children to give them targeted support. The teacher needs to keep social distancing when teaching.

We hope this provides a realistic view on the new 'normal' and that you feel confident that we have your children's safety at the fore front of all that we do, however we would like to be clear that social distancing can be a challenge for young minds given young children make mistakes and therefore we cannot guarantee these measures will be adhered to 100% of the time. We will continue to keep you updated as the re-opening of the schools evolve over the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing our Year 6 classes back on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> alongside our key worker and vulnerable children. Please feel free to contact us with any further queries or concerns.

We hope you are all safe and well, with very best wishes from,

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