

## PAGET PRIMARY SCHOOL

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – FOR WIDER SCHOOL OPENING

#### **Can you guarantee my child's safety?**

We will do our absolute best to keep your children safe. We will do everything that we possibly can to ensure that children socially distance, maintain good hand hygiene, don't mix with one another, etc. and generally do everything that we ask to minimise the spread of the Coronavirus. However, no, we cannot *guarantee* your child's safety 100%. We can guarantee that we will do everything in our power to make things *as safe as possible*, but we can't make a promise that children will be 100% safe from the Coronavirus. That is a harsh message but it is better to be honest with you from the start.

#### **Can my child come back to school?**

The government are strongly advising families who have children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 to send their child to school from June 1st. However, will not be able to offer this provision until the 8<sup>th</sup> June at the very earliest and even then it will not be to everyone straight away. You will receive further information about this as things progress.

Attendance from 1<sup>st</sup> June is optional; families do not have to send their children into school, once open. Families who do not send their child to school will not be fined or penalised for this choice.

#### **What about children in Y2, 3, 4 and 5?**

If you have a child in 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. Unfortunately, this means that if you have a child in Year 1 and say, Year 5, only the child in Year 1 can attend school and you will have to keep the Year 5 child at home. We will continue to provide home learning packs for those children not yet returned to school.

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

Ideally not but we can have discussions around this if needed. **Please email the school rather than calling if you would like to discuss individual circumstances.** ([enquiry@paget.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@paget.bham.sch.uk))

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

As a school, we will aim to do all we can in children maintaining the 2m rule, but they are children and they will want to mix and play with one another. A 100% guarantee is not always possible as you can imagine in trying to keep two five-year-

olds away from one another but we will aim to train and remind the children. We will ensure that the 'teaching bubbles' do not mix.

⑩ We will be staggering the start and end of day times so that the number of people on site at once is limited.

⑩ The school hall and corridors will also have plenty of signs to remind and encourage children to social distance.

- Children will be taught and supervised in small groups which we will call 'teaching bubbles' (maximum group size 15). They will have the same teacher to teach their group.
- Older children will sit on an individual table on their own. This table will be placed 2m apart from other tables.
- When queuing in the corridors and when queuing for dinner, children will be stood 2m apart.
- Children will not be mixing with other groups. They will have playtimes, lunchtimes and class time with this one group only so that lots of children are not mixing with lots of other children.
- Children will not be sharing tables or equipment.
- Breaktimes and lunchtimes will also be staggered so that groups of children are not mixing with each other throughout the day.
- There will be regular cleans throughout the day by cleaners and other staff.
- Children will be reminded to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.

### **What about children in EYFS?**

Children in EYFS will be encouraged 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, equipment that can be wiped down. (The amount of equipment that we will have out will be limited). Soft toys will be stored away.

The outdoor area will be used, but again, children will not be playing with other groups.

### **What kind resources will the children be using?**

Resourcing will be limited. We will only use equipment that can be wiped down. Books may 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. Reading books will not be coming home.

### **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, peers and teachers. Our curriculum will spend a lot of time focusing on Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) elements including:

- Managing emotions and anxieties
- Plenty of opportunities to talk and discuss
- Staying safe
- Developing friendships

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

### **If I do not send my child in, will they be at a disadvantage?**

No we are redesigning our curriculum to make sure that the children who are at Paget are effectively reintegrated with one another. Also, when schools go 'back to normal,' this reintegration will continue and our areas of focus will certainly continue so that children can settle back down to their learning as fast and as safe as possible.

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

If your child receives Free School Meals (FSM) from benefits or they are in Reception or Year 1, your child will receive a lunch from school (you can send them in with a packed lunch from home if you prefer). We will still continue to cook for the children that are in infants and those in Year 6 that are entitled to FSM or paid meals. If you prefer not to have a school dinner, please let us know in advance.

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

We are still awaiting an official response to this question from DFE/BCC.

### **I am entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) from benefits. Will my Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 children still get the FSM eCodes (vouchers)?**

Yes, Edenred will continue to provide voucher codes for children in Years 2, 3, 4 or 5.

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

If any child becomes unwell whilst at school, with Coronavirus symptoms of a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, then they must be sent home and the family is advised to follow the [stay at home guidance](#).

When the child is waiting to be collected, they will, if possible, be moved to a room where they will be isolated behind a closed door and an open window, with a member of school staff who will be wearing PPE equipment. If a separate room is not possible, then the child will be with the First Aider at least 2m apart from other people.

### **Can children get tested for Coronavirus?**

If any child develops Coronavirus symptoms of a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, then they should be sent home (see above question). All staff and children will be able to be tested if they develop Coronavirus symptoms. Where the person tests positive, the rest of their group should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

**What about parents picking up and dropping off?**

We will circulate full details of this in due course. We will be asking that only one parent attends to pick up or drop off a child in order to limit the numbers of people on site and we ask that Y6 come on to school site unaccompanied. Parents will also be asked to not congregate at the school gate once children have gone in to school.

**What time will I be dropping off and collecting my child?**

Once we have more information regarding this, we will communicate with you what the time of the school day will look like.

**You normally run breakfast and after school clubs as part of your 'wrap-around' provision. Are you going to have them in place?**

No, we are not. The DFE guidance currently states schools should not provide this as we can only run such provision if we are able to keep children within the groups they are in during the day or safely distanced. This is not possible.

**Should my child wear school uniform?**

Ideally yes, but we are happy to have them wear other clothes if they have grown out of uniform items. The clothes worn to school one day should be washed before they are worn to school again.

**What if I am not happy and wish to complain?**

The DFE has made it clear that all complaints to school are on hold at the moment as the priority for school leaders is to manage the current situation and not be using valuable time answering to complaints.