



# Hilderthorpe PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Provisional Opening Plans

In this letter I will be outlining the plans that we have made for your children, how we are working to make school safe and how they will be educated. Please note that this response is bespoke to our school and will look different to the approach taken in other local schools. The reason for that is that each school's circumstances are different; there are different numbers of staff available, the layouts of the schools are different and our children are unique. However, whilst there will be differences between schools, there will also be many similarities as we are all following the same government guidelines underpinned by the East Riding's strategic response. In following this guidance and applying it to our school's context I can now tell you that we are proposing the following plan:

- Groups (bubbles) of no more than 15 children (this is less in smaller classrooms and spaces).
- We cannot guarantee children will be with their class teacher. Staff are allocated to one bubble. In addition, some staff are unable to return to work due to shielding. We would however do our best to ensure your child is with a known adult.
- A phased return of the priority year groups that follows the local authority's planning and guidance. This would begin with nursery and reception children coming back in the first week of opening. Year 1 joining in the second week of opening and Year 6 in the third week of opening. This enables us to continuously risk assess and manage the footfall of the building carefully and safely.
- Children in these year groups can attend 2 days a week. Monday and Tuesday, or Thursday and Friday. We will happily work with families who require the front or end of the week to help them plan around work commitments they have and will be in touch with parent's to arrange this. This enables a thorough mid-week deep clean and a weekend deep clean.
- Start and end times will be staggered to ensure social distancing can be maintained for collection and drop off.

All parents of eligible year groups that have expressed an interest in a place will be contacted with detailed timings and full procedures in due course. It is essential we take our time to plan these to ensure they are right.

This is what we are doing to prepare:





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- Working through all of the DFE guidance that has been sent to schools
- Contacting all eligible parents in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 to determine potential numbers and seek their views. This consultation is essential in ensuring we can establish and plan for our provision.
- Completing risk assessments for every aspect of school life
- Reviewing procedures and consulting on all potential plans with staff and governors
- Ordering all additional and essential equipment required for opening
- Changing the classroom layouts and equipment to enable social distancing
- Agreeing additional cleaning requirements and planning staffing for these additional hours
- Grouping children and staff in to 'bubbles.'
- Planning for staff safety briefings in the event of a return to ensure all risk assessments and protocols are clearly understood.

The virus situation continues to change, and official advice therefore continues to change too. While we believe we have a safe and workable plan, we are ready to adapt it in a steady and sensible way as time goes on.

Home learning provision and support will continue for all children. We will support you all in any way we can throughout the coming weeks. We will be excitedly preparing our next home learning pack soon (they take a while to prepare) and Richard Hare our Chair of Governors is still working with the team for our magic breakfast delivery. If you need us don't hesitate to call.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely half term and hope you all get to enjoy some sunshine. Please do continue to post, email, tweet your child's adventures and learning. I can't tell you how much we are all missing them right now and seeing them really does brighten our day!

On behalf of all the governors and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all for what you are doing to support each one of us and our school community at this time. It is greatly appreciated by us all.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs S Hall  
Headteacher  
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