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Dear Parents and Carers, I hope that you have had a good few days since I last wrote to you and that you are all feeling well, or starting to feel better for those of you who have been poorly.

Some of you have written to us since the survey and communication to you last Friday about us re-opening our doors. The Senior Leadership Team have been busy planning with the staffing timetables and our 'bubble groups' we are planning for your child if they are returning.

We are still planning on having a 'week one' and a 'week two' child timetable and this information will be sent to you as soon as possible, hopefully by Friday this week. So, your child will either start on Monday 8th June or Monday 15th June.

For any parents wishing to start their child later in this term, we will do our utmost to make this happen with the date you request as long as we can create another 'bubble' of children safely and that we have enough staff.

I have made the decision to keep the school closed (except for those children that have already been with us everyday during lockdown) on FRIDAY AFTERNOONS. So, you will be asked to collect your child at 12pm on Fridays if they are accessing the 15 hours provision and at 12.15pm if they are 30 hours provision children. All children currently in will still be offered until 3pm. This is to enable support staff to do more cleaning and for teachers to write end of year reports and send Tapestry communications.

As we now have lovely hot weather, please ensure when your child returns that they have their own CLEARLY LABELLED WITH THEIR NAME bottle of sun cream and their own WATER BOTTLE and SUNHAT. Please teach them between now and then to put on their own sun cream!

If your child is unwell on any day when they return, they MUST stay at home and you need to call us and inform us.

I need you all to bear in mind that if Teaching Unions make the decision for teachers to strike then we may not be able to go ahead with our proposed dates to re-open. I will keep you updated. Of course, Government guidance may also change.

For those of you who have made the decision to not return your child to York Road, we will also be planning a 'goodbye' but this may have to wait until the end of term so we can plan it for everyone. We are not sure yet in what capacity this will be, but the teachers are working on some ideas!

After half term, I will be contacting our local Primary Schools to discuss possible Zoom Meetings with those of you with a child who has Special Educational Needs or any additional needs or special circumstances, so that you, your child's teacher, the new school's representative and myself can talk about current targets and support and what will help them to settle and transition as smoothly as is possible to their new school. We will contact you this applies to with some proposed dates.

We are dividing the garden area in to 'pens' and each bubble of children will have their own dedicated 'pen' with their 2 teachers that they will use every day (and as much of the day as we can as the risk of infection is much less outside). We plan to have snacks and lunch outside too- weather permitting.

We are creating individual baskets of resources so each child can have their own basket of paper, pencils, glue, etc etc and each room will become a mini nursery so that each bubble can be in their room and not need resources from another area.

As you can see, lots and lots of planning has gone in to making York Road as safe as is possible for your child if they are returning and for the children we have here already. Please bear with us though, we are not experts or scientists and we are trying our hardest to get this right. As I have emphasised all along though, is that we CANNOT GUARANTEE ANY SOCIAL DISTANCING when we are working with the children.

Timings:

15 hours provision children's hours: 9.10-12.00

30 hours provision children's hours: 9.00-3.00 (12.15 on Fridays)

Current keyworker group already in 8.45-3.00

These staggered times for start and finish will help reduce the number of families lining up.

When you are sent the information about your child's week it will tell you where to drop them and who the 2 teachers each week will be.

We hope to re-open Yorkies for the summer holidays.

Take care, keep safe and enjoy the sunshine!

Diane Fraïner, Headteacher.

