
SUDELL

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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27th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you to set out the arrangements we have made to open Sudell Primary School to children other than the children of key workers and vulnerable children from 3rd June.

Before I set out these arrangements, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their understanding and cooperation since 20th March. I know that this period has been challenging for many families, in particular when you have had to juggle work commitments with managing childcare, if you have children with special educational needs or disability, or if you are a single parent/carer.

As you may be aware, we have remained open for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children since 23rd March and have been operating with smaller group sizes and additional hygiene and infection control measures. We will remain open for them until wider opening is confirmed.

First and foremost, it goes without saying that the safety of your child and of our staff is our top priority. We are working hard, following the latest government guidance and supported by Aldridge Education, to develop and implement a number of new ways of operating. This will allow us to open as safely as possible, focusing on measures that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our setting.

Some of the steps we are taking in readiness for reopening include:

- Asking that anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, not to attend the setting and to self-isolate for 14 days. That includes children and staff who work here.
- Keeping our children in small groups with as much consistent staffing as possible, and minimising contact with other groups around school.
- Cleaning our hands more often than usual. We have developed routines to ensure children understand when and how to wash their hands, making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.

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- Ensuring our children understand good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and ensuring a good supply of tissues and lidded bins throughout school.
- Implementing an enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including table tops, door handles, play equipment and toilets.
- Asking parents and carers to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children and to limit drop off and collection to one parent or carer per household.
- Asking children not to bring toys or other items from home to the setting.
- We ask all parents and carers to ensure they organise a test for their child, in the event that they develop coronavirus symptoms, and notify us immediately of the results.
- Where possible children will be spaced apart in classrooms and other learning environments and where possible will adhere to the social distancing rule of 2 metres.
- Soft furnishings, and toys will be removed from classrooms to avoid contamination.
- Children should not bring any additional items from home. Only a coat will be permitted (no book bags or lunch bags).
- Movement around the school will be limited and children will remain in their bubble of 15 or less within the allocated space for the duration of the day, including lunchtimes and breaks.
- Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered so that children remain in the same, small consistent bubbles they are allocated to. Lunch break may be shorter than usual.
- Access to school will vary depending on what colour bubble your child is in. There will be coloured markers on the fences to indicate 2metres social distancing. Parents must not gather at entrance gates.
- If a child, or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the rest of their class or group within their setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

Which children are in school?

Children of key workers, vulnerable children, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

We are operating six 'bubbles' in the first instance:

- Two bubbles are mixed Year 2-5 key worker/vulnerable children (maximum size of 10)
- Three bubbles are mixed Reception and Year 1 (maximum size of 8)
- One bubble is Year 6 (maximum size of 15)

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	Red Bubble (Rec/1)	Orange Bubble (Rec/1)	Yellow Bubble (Rec/1)	Green Bubble (Y2-Y5 Keyworker/ Vulnerable children)	Blue Bubble (Y2-Y5 Keyworker/ Vulnerable children)	Purple Bubble (Y6)
Staff Members	Miss Bromley & Ms Radomskij	Mrs Hornby & Miss Patel	Mrs Seddon & Mrs Smethurst	Mr Chambers & Mrs Pearson	Mr Arrandale & Mrs Riley	Mrs Henrick & Mr Gangreker
Classroom	Reception classroom	Year 1 classroom	Year 2 classroom	Year 3 classroom	Year 4 classroom	Y6 classroom
8:55am Drop off and 3:15pm collect	Car Park gates on Sudell Road then enter through Reception doors	Car Park gates on Sudell Road then enter through KS1 Door	Breakfast Club gate on Sudell Road then Breakfast Club door	KS1 playground double gates on Ellison Fold Terrace then school office door	KS1 playground double gates on Ellison Fold Terrace then school office door	KS2 playground gate on Ellison Fold Terrace then KS2 door
When can my child return to school?	3 rd June 2020	3 rd June 2020	3 rd June 2020	3 rd June 2020	3 rd June 2020	8 th June 2020

Food

For all children we will provide cereal for breakfast (sponsored by Magic Breakfast).

Lunch – **all** children are to bring a packed lunch in a disposable plastic or paper bag and a drink in a disposable bottle. No lunch bags please or anything which cannot be thrown away. For both breakfast and lunch children will eat in the classroom they are being taught in with their allocated staff.

Clothes

Please send your child in **clean fresh uniform** each day. If your child has grown out of uniform please send them in other clean clothes.

Dropping off and picking up

You will receive a text stating which 'bubble' your child is in.

The drop off/pick up gates for each 'bubble' are stated above.

School is open 8:55am to 3:15pm. Please ensure you collect your child promptly.

Which staff will my child be with?

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Each bubble will have one or two members of staff, these are all Sudell staff and your child is likely to be familiar with them but it is unlikely that they will be your child's teacher.

Contact with school

There will **be no one available to deal with face to face enquiries at the office**, however, we are more than happy to deal with any telephone or email queries (office@sudell.blackburn.sch.uk).

What about those children not in school?

We delivered home learning packs last week which should last until June 19th. We will deliver the fourth home learning pack to all homes in the week beginning 22nd June. There will continue to be daily updates on Facebook/Twitter regarding learning as well as ongoing access to: Century, Timestable Rockstars, Numbots, Phonics Play, Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize. Don't forget the weekly Sudell Saturday Night Disco on Facebook – Sudell Primary Aldridge.

We will also continue with our regular phone calls to families.

In the week beginning 22nd June we will contact parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 who are not attending school to enquire if you now wish your child to attend. We may or may not be able to accommodate this, depending on the level of need. At present, we do not have a plan for the return of children in Years 2-5 who are not the children of key workers or vulnerable children.

Our main priority remains keeping our school community safe. During these unprecedented times, we will continue to support our pupils and their families and if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the school and look forward to a time when we can all get back to normal. In the meantime, please take care.

Yours sincerely,

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