

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of children on the Leyes Site

I hope that you are all safe and well.

We have been open to the children of Key Workers and our vulnerable pupils throughout lockdown as well as our Early Years children from the beginning of June and our Year 6 children during this last week.

We are delighted that we will be able to welcome back ALL our children from September and we are especially pleased to be welcoming our new children and families to our school community. To those of you who are familiar with our school routines, there will be some slight changes to established routines that are necessary to ensure the safety of the children, staff and parents and to ensure that our site remains a safe place for all. All these changes have been put into place in accordance with Government and Ebor Trust guidelines.

### **All Children to Return**

It is expected that ALL children from ALL year groups will return to school in September. We understand that there may be some anxiety about coming back onto the school site, but please be reassured that there will be many opportunities for children to talk about their feelings and share any concerns that they may have.

### **Online Learning**

As all children will be returning to their learning in school from September, there will be no more online home learning. We are very appreciative for your support for your child's online learning whilst they have been at home. We know it hasn't always been easy and we are very grateful for your efforts. Should there need to be a school closure as part of a local lockdown in the future, we will resume home learning through paper home learning packs. These will be distributed as soon as possible after any lockdown is announced.

### **Teaching and Learning**

Our Early Years Team will be settling the children into their new school and routines over the first few weeks of school and ensuring that all are happy and settled. All of our Early Years children will enjoy a full range of activities, both indoors and outdoors, with a range of resources to enhance their learning.

### **Wrap Around Care**

Our Wrap Around Care provision will be starting again in September. After School Club will be operating from Tuesday September 8th and Breakfast Club starting from Monday September 14th. Please contact our Wrap Around Care Manager to book in - [a.leahy@ebor.academy](mailto:a.leahy@ebor.academy).

### **WEB Team**

We are very aware that there will be varying degrees of anxiety around returning to school in September after a prolonged absence. During lockdown we have created a school WEB (Well Being) Team who will be able to offer support for individuals and groups of children around their social and emotional well being with the Early Years having a designated member of the wider team. If you have any concerns about your

child returning to school, please contact Mrs Mould (Deputy Head) via the school office.

### **Enquiries to the Office**

There will not be a member of the Admin Team on the Leyes site as we return. Any enquiries should be made via phone call (01904 555606) or email (admin.osb@ebor.academy). Any payments that need to be made for school meals or wrap around care should be done via the ParentPay app or a BACS transfer. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

### **Travelling to and From School**

We would ask that, where possible, children travel to school via walking, cycling or in the car to avoid public transport.

### **Illness**

Whilst we know that certain measures have been relaxed in recent weeks, we must remain mindful that the Covid virus is still present in society.

If your child shows any symptoms of the virus we ask that you do **not** send them into school and that you arrange for them to be tested. If your child shows signs of the virus in school, we contact you to collect them and ask for them to be tested. The symptoms are:

- A new persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A loss or change in the sense of taste or smell.

We will ask that you let us know of the test results as soon as possible so that, if necessary, we can take the appropriate action.

### **Access To and From the School Site**

Access to and from the school site will be through the main gate towards the main Ebor entrance. Follow the path to the right of the entrance, around the side of the building to the 2 gates.

### **Nursery Families**

Nursery children and parents will take the right hand gate and follow this up through and across the playground and through the gate on the other side. The entrance door is then just to the left down the pathway. A member of staff will be available to meet and greet you. Parents and carers will not be permitted to enter the building.

Once children are dropped off, parents and carers are to retrace their steps and exit the site via the way in.

We would ask that all adults are respectful to each other and maintain distance to ensure the safety of all.

For children going home after a morning session or after lunch, staff will walk the children and meet parents and carers at the first gate in front of the car park. This is for safeguarding reasons and to minimise the number of adults that we have on site throughout the day.

For children arriving for an afternoon session, please wait at the first gate in front of the car park and staff will collect children from parents and carers.

At the end of the day, staff will open the gates to parents and carers.

### **Reception Families**

Reception children and parents will take the left hand gate and walk down the path along the back of the building towards the double blue doors at the end of the path. A member of staff will be available to meet and greet you. Parents and carers will not be allowed to enter the building.

Once children are dropped off, parents and carers are to retrace their steps and exit the site via the way in.

We would ask that all adults are respectful to each other and maintain distance to ensure the safety of all.

### **Start Dates**

Our Early Years children always do a slightly shorter week than the rest of the school for their first week. This is to allow the children to start school in a smaller group getting to know the staff, the routines and their new environment. You will be receiving a separate letter detailing the day and date of your child starting Nursery or Reception.

### **Drop Off and Collection Times**

There will be an elongated drop off and collection time “window” to allow for the flow of parents, carers and children through the site.

Drop off time will be between 8.45-9.15am.

Collection time will be between 3-3.30pm.

For Nursery parents:

Collection after morning sessions and dropping off for lunch/afternoon sessions:  
11.45am

Dropping off for afternoon sessions and collecting after lunch: 12.30pm

### **Belongings**

Your child will need to bring the following to school with them each day and remember to take all their belongings home at the end of each day. This is to enable the Cleaning Team to get clear access to all areas of the school to undertake the daily deep clean.

- Water bottle - there will be no water fountains available
- Book Bag
- Snack Bag - for younger children
- Pack up - if bringing their own
- Coat - weather dependent

Belongings may be brought to and from school in a backpack but this must be able to be left on a coat peg during the day and taken home each night.

We would be grateful if you could please work with your child on being responsible for their belongings and being able to pack their bags efficiently and independently.

**Uniform**

All children will be expected to wear their school uniform when returning to school. Please ensure every item is named so that all items of clothing can be sent home at the end of each day.

**Support from Parents**

As the children prepare to return to school in September, we would really appreciate your support in talking to them beforehand about the importance of hand washing and sanitising, the “catch it, bin it, kill it” approach when blowing their noses or sneezing and maintain distance between themselves and others wherever possible. We would also appreciate your support in talking to your child about behavioral expectations around keeping everyone safe and listening to and following new directions.

Please be assured that we will have plenty of resources in school to keep children safe - there will be hand gel and hand washing facilities, entrance and exit systems and teaching structures and to keep everyone safe and well.

All of our systems and processes will be regularly reviewed and may be changed if and when Government guidance changes.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our children and families to school in September. In the meantime, I would like to wish you all a very happy Summer holiday.



Mr Brown  
Headteacher