

## Wider Opening of School

### Risk Assessment Summary for schools in Coast Academies

Please note:

- The details of each school's individual risk assessment will result in the exact timeline of opening for each school.
- The wider opening of school to more year groups will be phased in all Coast schools. In other words, year groups will not all return to school on the same day
- The key plan for minimising the risk to staff and children in class is the use of class bubbles rather than social distancing. This is due to the DFE's recognition of the difficulty of social distancing with young children. Social distancing does apply to all other aspects of wider opening and will be taught to children.

#### **The school Site**

School staff and leaders have walked in and around the school planning carefully to ensure that the school site will be as safe as possible. They have been supported in this task by professionals from the trust's central team.

Measures in place include:

- changes to drop off and pick up points
- signs around the school to remind people about social distancing
- Changes to classroom layouts
- Use of shared resources
- doors and windows which can be kept open without increasing fire risk

#### **Cleaning and Washrooms**

Professionals from our cleaning company and the trusts facilities team have been consulted and are putting in places a number of measures:

- Deep cleans to take place if bubbles of children change
- Unnecessary items from classrooms removed
- Continuous cleaning in place with school staff involved to clean high use areas throughout the day eg door handles
- Handwashing practice with children
- One in one out system with toilets

#### **Staffing Plans**

Staff organisation has been carefully planned with our central human resources team. Measures include:

- Supporting as many members of staff as possible to come back to work
- Ensuring all staff are trained in any new procedures and fully understand the details of school's risk assessment
- Reducing the risk of spreading the virus by allowing some staff to continue to work from home when not involved directly in the supervision of children.

### **Health and Safety/ Medical**

Trust leaders have drawn on a huge range of guidance to ensure that we have the correct procedures in place.

Measures include:

- Everyone being clear what to do should someone at school begin to show symptoms
- Ensuring we clearly understand which individuals should stay at home due to existing medical conditions
- Having a clear procedure in place should there be a confirmed case
- Providing clear guidance to coronavirus testing should it be needed
- Training staff on the correct use of PPE should it be needed for a first aid or intimate care situation with younger children

### **Day to day arrangements**

Many plans have been discussed and drawn up between school leaders and the trust's central team together with the local authority, local schools and the Department for Education.

Measures include:

- Staggered opening dates for different year groups
- staggered drop off and pick up times
- Part time timetables to allow for appropriate use of classrooms and staff resources
- The use of class bubbles to reduce the spread of the virus by limiting the number of individuals that a child comes into contact with
- Agreeing that parents and visitors should not enter the building and will be welcomed only into the lobby areas of each school

### **Pupils and curriculum**

Discussions with our school leaders and the leaders of other schools both locally and nationally has confirmed the need for us to focus on the emotional wellbeing of our returning pupils. We have therefore agreed:

- The focus of the curriculum in the short term will be on the wellbeing and emotional support of children at this difficult time
- We are also concerned that children do not fall behind with their learning and will try to ensure that those who may be at risk can catch up quickly



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- We will make full use of our outside resources to support pupil's enjoyment of school as well as reducing the spread of the virus