



Fierté Multi Academy Trust

Ankermoor Primary Academy

Rene Road, Bolehall, Tamworth. Staffordshire. B77 3NW

01827 213780. Email: office@ankermoor.org

Headteacher: Mr Simon Russell



Dear Parents/Carers,

19.05.20

Re: Preparation for partial re-opening of the school for pupils in EYFS, Years 1 and 6 on 1st June.

Further to my letter on Wednesday 13th May, I am writing to explain the steps that we will be taking in order to open the school on the 1st June to pupils in the following year groups: **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.**

I understand that this is a very unsettling time and that you will want to know the precautions we are taking to keep your precious children safe. Therefore, I will be sending out a risk assessment (linked to government guidance) before the end of the week to share the actions we will be putting in place to ensure the safety of your children. All schools across the country are putting plans in place for a safe re-opening and we feel that our plan is right for Ankermoor Primary Academy.

The main principles that we will be applying to minimise the risk of contracting COVID-19 are as follows:

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
- regular cleaning minimising contact and mixing

The risk assessment will detail the procedures we will be implementing to keep your children safe. We will group the children according to their age into group sizes of NO MORE than 15 pupils. Each group will be assigned specific members of staff. These groups will then not mix at all throughout the school day, reducing contact and mixing opportunities.

There will be staggered drop off and collection times as detailed in a Parental Guidance document, which will be sent out this week. No parents will be allowed into the school without prior appointment and parents must maintain social distancing measures whilst dropping off and collecting their children.

Throughout the school day, the children will have staggered break and lunchtimes so that each group does not come into contact. Each group will work in only one teaching space. Within the teaching space, the staff will do all they can to support the children and keep a distance of 2-metres between themselves, where possible. Each group will have an allocated toilet to avoid mixing of the different groups across the school.

Throughout the school day, we will be instructing the children to wash their hands more frequently and thoroughly. We will also be undertaking regular cleaning of frequently



Learn Together, Achieve Together





Fierté Multi Academy Trust

Ankermoor Primary Academy

Rene Road, Bolehall, Tamworth. Staffordshire. B77 3NW

01827 213780. Email: office@ankermoor.org

Headteacher: Mr Simon Russell



touched surfaces with the cleaning staff being in school for more hours to ensure this happens.

It is important that if your child or anyone in your household has received a shielding letter to say they are 'vulnerable' or 'extremely vulnerable' that you read the information documented in the risk assessment.

We will have very strict procedures in place for any suspected cases. I will also send out information for the procedures we have set for a child or staff member who develops symptoms on site. If your child or anyone in your family presents with any symptoms they **MUST NOT** attempt to come into school and should self-isolate for 7 days if they themselves have symptoms or for 14 days if there are symptoms within the household.

Please note – when children return, school will look and feel very different for children and staff, ensuring safety is our highest priority. Please make your child aware of this.

We will be making adaptations to the classroom to remove any unnecessary equipment, removing soft furnishing (where possible), organising furniture to aim for a 2-metre distance between each person - although we must be aware for the youngest children maintaining a 2-metre distance at all times will be virtually impossible so reducing the contact by isolating the groups is the main control measure that we can put in place.

Breakfast club will not run until further notice or until the guidelines for schools have been updated. This is due to the fact that we will isolate groups during the day but can't then allow groups to come together for Breakfast club. I understand that some families need this provision but I need to put children and staff's safety first. **This will be reviewed and revisited when further guidance is published and once we have established safe working practices.**

There may be times throughout the day where close contact is unavoidable such as intimate care for the younger children or in the event of an accident/ first aid. At this time, we will be instructing staff to wear disposable personal protective equipment such as gloves, apron, masks and eye protection (if required). This is not to scare the children but to protect them so it may be advisable to have a conversation with your child to say that if they need a plaster or a bit of TLC, their teacher / first aider may be wearing a mask.

Meals will continue to be served in school although the children will eat in their own designated classrooms. There will be strict drop off times for food meaning that the children will not congregate together. For those eligible for free school meals, who cannot attend, we will be continuing with our hamper / voucher scheme.



Learn Together, Achieve Together





Fierté Multi Academy Trust

Ankermoor Primary Academy

Rene Road, Bolehall, Tamworth. Staffordshire. B77 3NW

01827 213780. Email: office@ankermoor.org

Headteacher: Mr Simon Russell



In respect of key workers, if you come into the key worker category and require your child in school then you must present proof of key worker status in the form of an I.D badge or letter from your employer. **IF NEEDED, YOU MUST MAKE US AWARE OF THIS ASAP.**

For those children not in the core year groups or for families who do not intend to send their children into school, online learning resources will still be provided. Staff will direct learners to homework tasks linked to Oak National Academy, BBC Bitesize or learning linked to teaching in school. This will be added to the class pages on the website and communicated via Text to Parents. (Please ask your child to consider use of their 'Class Teams page' as this is proving excellent for communication purposes and is very active across our school).

So, what are the next steps for parents of key workers and those with children in years Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6:

- Read this letter to support your understanding of what will happen next.
- Read the risk assessment and parental guidance which will be sent out this week.
- Be ready to send your child in to school on June 1st as discussed with staff.
- If a key worker – let us know and provide proof ASAP.
- If unsure about anything, contact the school via email or a phone call to ask any questions – we are open and available **any time** before June 1st.

I apologise for the amount of detail in this letter but as a parent myself, I would want to know the exact detail of the safety measures being put in place so that I can make an informed decision about what is right for my child. Please remember every school will do things differently as all school sites are different. Tamworth head teachers have met remotely and we want you to understand the individual schools decisions are made based on need.

We are really missing your wonderful children and cannot wait until things are back to normal so that we can welcome all of them back to Ankermoor and continue to support them to flourish. **Their safety and wellbeing is our number one priority and we will do all we can to ensure that their return is as safe and enjoyable as it can possibly be.**

If you have any further questions, comments or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me on office@ankermoor.org or 01827 213780 **anytime**.

Take care and stay safe,

Mr Simon Russell

Headteacher



Learn Together, Achieve Together

