

29TH May 2020,

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you are all well and have had the chance to enjoy the recent sunshine in a responsible and socially distanced manner. I sent out a letter indicating the schools preliminary plans for a potential phased reopening from the Monday 1st June.

Staff are busy planning for our gradual re-opening from Monday June 1st. It is a worrying time for us all but we have done our very best to ensure that school is as safe as we can make it for staff and children alike putting in place measures that are beyond the Government's recommendations. Risk assessments have been carried out, signage is in place, hand washing and cleaning regimes have been finalised.

Will I be able to bring my child to school although I have previously declined a place?

I know many of you have very mixed feelings about sending your son/daughter to school. From the questionnaire some of you said 'yes' to send your child back, but may be having second thoughts and equally some of you may have said 'no'. At present we have planned for those parents and carers that said either yes or maybe. If these children are not present during the first week we will have to take it that you have changed your mind and no longer wish for your child to be in school for the remainder of the summer term. If you change your mind, you may apply for a space by emailing office@oasisryelands.org We will do our best to provide a place but unfortunately we cannot give guarantees as we have to keep to the guidance and we only have so many adults in school, only so many classrooms and the size of the groups can only be between 5-7 maximum.

Do I have to send my child to school if they are in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6?

The short answer is no. I hope I have made my position clear in that this is a personal choice and that you must do what you feel is right for your child and your family. Everyone has different circumstance. I will respect whatever decision you make. The Government have also said that there will be no consequences for children not returning to school in the summer term.

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Finer details regarding Nursery returning.

- Nursery will start on Wednesday 3rd June
- Mrs Sheehan and Ms Ogbonnaya will be the adults in the Nursery
- Each group will be in school **one morning** a week only 8:30am – 11:30am

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dog	Cat	Fish	Rabbit	Hamster

- It is very important that the children arrive on time and adults observe social distancing.
- It is important that the children are collected on time by an adult.
- Adults should only be taking and collecting their own children.
- Children will enter the academy through the main entrance. Can children and parents/carers queue from the Nursery entrance out the main entrance and down towards Albert Road.
- Unfortunately at the present time parents and carers will not be able to come through the Nursery gate. If your child becomes upset you will need to make a decision on whether to leave or take your child home. This is never our normal practice and I always actively encourage parents and carers into school.
- Children should wear their own comfortable clothes and not school uniform.
- In Nursery we will be continuing with a play based provision, however the recommended cleaning and safety measures will be in place.
- Please provide a carrier bag with spare clothes that we can keep in the Nursery as we are no longer able to provide spares.
- Please do prepare your child for their return to school as things are very different at the moment:
 - Safety is my main concern for all. Some parents/carers are concerned, some children may be concerned and some staff are too.
 - Children will be in small groups of between 5-7 children
 - The children will be expected and told when to wash their hands. They need to comply.
 - All equipment will be cleaned at the end of the session as well as the usual clean to ensure things are ready for the next group the following day.
 - Coughing and sneezing must not be done at others.
 - Some staff may wish to wear some or all PPE such as goggles, gloves, mask and aprons.

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- I have granted staff permission to have their mobile phones on them and that they can use them to contact other members of staff. This is not usual practice but these are not usual times.



This is what the Nursery classroom looks like.

While many things are different we hope that your child is able to enjoy Nursery.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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