



Update Letter

Friday 5th June 2020

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

This is just an update to let you all know as a school community where we have got to with regards to reopening next week. I know some of this may not apply to you or your child just yet, but it is still important you know what is going on!

Many of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children are coming to school again from Monday 8th June. Every child in these year groups has been invited back and allocated a space; many parents have taken them up and I am expecting the numbers to increase further. Just let us know please if you are intending to send your child back if you haven't already and we can tell you whether they will be in group A or B, as there is a rota system.

Our children who have been in school throughout are our keyworker group, now called Group C. They will be in age group classes now, with structured learning and all of those children remain on our register for this group-you do not need to re-apply. If you require a new place because you are a keyworker returning to work and you have not taken up a place yet at all, please contact me directly and I will let you know the next steps. head@themill-tkat.org

This week, all members of staff have been trained on the new health and safety guidance and we have been setting up the school ready for the return of Reception, Year 1 and 6, as well as reorganising the classrooms and planning for the structured teaching of Group C who will now have the same team of staff teaching them.

School start and finish times-a final confirmation:

Group C Keyworker children (from all year groups): 8.45am and 3pm-same as always!

Reception A and B groups: 8.45am and 2.30pm front gate

Year 1 A and B groups: 9.00am and 2.45pm back gate

Year 6 A and B groups: 9.00am and 2.45pm back gate

On Wednesdays, all pupils in Group A/B must be picked up at 12.00pm please.

Staff will be out the front and back to help you.

Uniform

Uniform encouraged for all from now on, including Group C but as we have said in previous letters, clean clothes are the priority, so non uniform is acceptable if dirty uniform is still in the wash!

Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 and new Reception starters

As yet, we have not had any further guidance about the return of Year 2, 3, 4, or 5. As soon as we have any more information, we will update you. For pupils waiting to join us in September in Reception, the school will be in contact with parents about transition to school very soon, but as you can imagine, we have had a lot to organise in recent weeks with the children returning.

Home learning-Google classrooms

With the reopening of school, we can now start to focus more again on how we join up what goes on in school with home learning tasks so our children at home don't miss out. Over the next two weeks, we will update you about how we will do this.

Thank you all for your patience and support, we are really looking forward to seeing more of our children back next week with their friends. We've missed them and just want to get on with being their teachers again and helping them grow. Let's hope soon we'll see even more of you return safely.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Gosden
Headteacher