

Dear Parent

### **Wider reopening of Follifoot & Spofforth Schools from 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

I am pleased to write with a short update regarding plans in relation to welcoming more children to both school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Based on the information from the survey this week we will progress with groups as planned across both schools with one small change. Based on numbers only one Early Years group will be necessary. This will allow for some contact to continue with children in Early Years not yet attending. The Early Years team will be in touch next week to outline this.

This single Early Years group will be based in classroom 1 (the usual Early Years Classroom). Staff will be on hand outside in the mornings to help welcome all children and remind families of the arrangements if needed.

#### **New FAQ**

In addition to the FAQ in the parent information booklet shared on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, please find additional FAQ below.

#### **Can eligible children return later in the term if they are not returning next week?**

Yes. However, please contact us in advance so we can plan for this as in the case of some year groups it will mean creating an extra group which needs planning and preparing for.

#### **Can a childminder drop off and or collect my child or children from school?**

Yes, however there are restrictions. The guidance states that childminders can;

*'Paid childcare can be provided to the children of one household from Wednesday 13 May 2020. This includes childminders, who may choose to look after the children of one household.'*

This means a childminder can collect children from one household only per day. If a childminder collected children from multiple households on the same day, this would be outside the guidance.

#### **Can another parent drop off or pick up my child?**

There is no specific guidance on this.

The safest option for everyone is that children are brought and collected by one adult from their household. At present the guidance is that households may meet in groups of no more than six providing they stay outside in a public park or private garden and remain 2m apart.

Supervising children other than your own at this distance and only outside is likely to be challenging. As such, it is unlikely this scenario would be practically manageable. If you plan for your child to be collected by someone other than a parent from their household please get in touch to let us know the specific arrangements.

#### **Can children from different households travel together to school in the same car?**

No. The guidance states members from different households can only gather outside in a public park or private garden at a distance of 2m.

If this happen the schools, reserve the right to require parents to keep their children at home for at least 7 days.

We appreciate the challenge this poses however to ensure the confidence of families in all the arrangements we must all operate within the guidance. As stated by the Prime Minister;

*"If people don't have access to childcare then I think it's fair to regard that as an obvious barrier to their ability to work."*

*Boris Johnson*

**What provision will there be for the key worker children in Years 2 – 5 who attend school?**

Key worker children in year groups 2 – 5 attending school will be supported to continue the home learning work set for children in these groups who are not eligible to attend.

**Will children in Reception and Year 1 receive their universal free school meal if they return to school?**

Yes. This will be in the form of a grab bag.

**Can children in Reception or Year 1 not returning still receive their universal free school meal?**

No. As per the guidance;

*Schools should provide meal options free of charge to all infant pupils attending school, including Reception and year 1 children returning from 1 June. There is no requirement to provide universal infant free school meals to infant pupils who are not in school.'*

Providing free school meals during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - Updated 28 May 2020

**Home School Transport**

Parents who have children that are eligible for statutory transport are requested to follow the link below and make use of the NYCC booking form.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/schools-and-childrens-services-during-coronavirus-covid-19#transport>

With very best wishes from us all.

Yours sincerely

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