



WORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Headteacher: Mrs C Flatman

Dear Parents and Carers,

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I hope that you are all keeping well in these uncertain times.

As you are aware, we are currently open for the children of key workers and some children from Reception, Yr. 1 and Yr. 6. I would like to begin by thanking these children and their parents for making this return to school such a positive one. We are very proud of you all. I would also like to extend my thanks to the children who have remained at home. They have worked incredibly hard and continue to do so with their parents, we know that it has been a testing time for many of our families and we are here as always to support you all in the best way we can, during this challenging period.

We have followed the government guidance for those that have returned to ensure optimal safety for our children and our staff. As a result we have been able to organise our classroom bubbles into groups of significantly smaller numbers/classes than normal. We are proud of what we have achieved and of the standard of work that we continue to offer in school and for those at home.

Further to the latest announcement by the Government in relation to schools we have been considering how we could deliver provision with the best outcome for all of our children. Safety for all once again has been a top priority. I have spoken to many of our families along with staff and we recognise the difficulties that you are all experiencing. A return to school would be so welcomed by most of our parents and children. Unfortunately, we cannot safely extend this offer to everyone on a full time basis. However, it is important to everyone at Wortham that we support all of our families during this very uncertain and difficult time.

We must follow the guidance and keep our children in bubbles of less than fifteen. Given the size of our class rooms and staff available, we can only offer these places as stated on a part time basis. As a result I am pleased to inform you that we have managed to create a plan that will welcome back the children that have requested a place from all year groups including Yrs. 2, 3, 4 and 5 from **Monday 29th June**. We will continue with the provision for Reception, Yr. 1, Yr. 6 and Key worker children until then as normal. These children will all have had a full four weeks back in school and we are so pleased to have been able to provide this for these cohorts.

From Monday 29th June the only group that will be able to be in school in their own bubble on a full time basis will be the children of our key workers.

We are asking children to return in their house groups, as this will keep siblings together and minimise the risk for our parents travelling to school on different days throughout the week.

Our plan is as follows.

Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Key worker children KS1	In school	In school	In school	In school	In school
Key worker children KS2	In school	In school	In school	In school	In school
Bumblebees Yr. R/1	In school	In school			
Hedgehogs	In school <i>Yellow and Blue House</i>	In school <i>Yellow and Blue House</i>	In school <i>Red and Green House</i>	In school <i>Red and Green House</i>	
Barn Owls	In school <i>Yellow and Blue House</i>	In school <i>Yellow and Blue House</i>	In school <i>Red and Green House</i>	In school <i>Red and Green House</i>	
Otter class	In school	In school	In school	In school	

Key points to note.

- Key worker children will be working in two separate bubbles. They are in school Monday-Friday.
- Bumblebee class: Children from Reception and Yr. 1 will create a new bubble. The children of key workers in this class will be in a separate group. These children will be in school on Monday and Tuesday only. Reception children have not and will not be practising social distancing. It is important that all parents of this group are aware of this.
- Hedgehog class: The children from Yellow and Blue house will be in school Monday and Tuesday only. The children from Red and Green house will be in school Wednesday and Thursday only.
- Barn Owl class: The children from Yellow and Blue house will be in school Monday and Tuesday only. The children from Red and Green house will be in school Wednesday and Thursday only.
- Otter class: All of Otter class will be in school Monday- Thursday only.

This new plan will be in operation from Monday 29th June until Wednesday 22nd July.

As stated above we have tried to formulate this plan to cater for the needs of all of our children. We have worked incredibly hard to make this work for everyone and I know that offering part time places will not be ideal for everyone However, this is just for the last few weeks of term and I would like to state that safety and practicalities must be the main consideration in devising such a plan. This is providing an opportunity for all of our children to return to school this term, if requested.

I will write to you all again closer to the 29th June to remind you of your new arrival and collection times as well as our expectations for ensuring that these run smoothly.

If there is anything that you would like to ask then please do not hesitate in getting in touch.

Yours sincerely

Claire Flatman

Headteacher