



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Hello to our Y6 Sharks and their families,

Thank you for your recent patience and support as we have planned our next steps. Your understanding has been – and will continue to be – much appreciated.

After receiving confirmation from our Health & Safety Advisor, we believe that we can now offer Y6 an opportunity to return to school before the end of the school year. However, as we continue to prioritise our Key Worker Provision, staffing limitations will restrict the offer we can provide.

We believe we have the capacity to open for short **morning** sessions, although we must assess numbers in order to move forward. Depending on the numbers of Y6 who would like to take up their place, we will be able to offer **EITHER:**

**Option A:** Three bubbles of 10 to 12 pupils will in every morning for a three hourly session, with slightly staggered start and finish times (9-12pm, 9.30 – 12.30pm or 10am – 1pm). This will be from Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July until the end of term. Children will go home for their lunch.

This option would mean that each child would get approx. 3 weeks of morning sessions before the end of term.

**Option B:** If more children would like a place we will run as above but for one week only, ie: some Y6 pupils in for mornings one week then other Y6 in for mornings during a different week.

This option would mean that each child would get one full week of morning sessions before the end of term.

**Our decision will depend on how many Y6 children will want a place in school.**

We would like parents and children to consider their reasons for wanting to return to school.

We do not believe that there is enough time left in the term for the children to 'catch up' with their learning; nor will the children be able to 'see their friends' as normal. Neither of these are reasons to return to school. School WILL NOT be 'normal'. It will not be the place that our Sharks left in March.

However, we understand if you feel that your child's emotional wellbeing would benefit from being in school.

In order to inform your and your child's decision, please read the guidance below.



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## Curriculum Content

Please be reassured that home learning will continue to be provided for Y6 and will mirror activities that are taking place in school. We are also looking into online meetings through Google so that children at home could occasionally join their classmates in school. Our children are digitally skilled and were able to connect with their teachers from the first day of lockdown. It has been lovely to see them communicate with their teachers and each other via Google Classroom – this will continue. Please also be reassured that any transition materials we receive or teach in school will also be mirrored at home. We want our Sharks to feel as confident as possible and ready to face their move to high school.

We aim to maintain consistency and do not want to disadvantage any children who continue to learn from home.

## Classroom/school organisation

- Pupils will enter and exit school by a designated entrance and route. Accompanying parents will be asked to leave pupils at the gate, avoid bringing siblings if possible and not bring or collect other people's children. When picking up, similar procedures will be in place.
- There will be 10 - 12 pupils in a room and they will adhere to the government's 2m rule.
- Pupils may not be with their usual teacher and may not be in their own classroom. Pupils may not be placed with their usual classmates.
- Pupils will stay in their designated bubble for the whole session and will remain socially distanced to avoid cross-contamination. They will not mix with any other bubbles, even at break times.
- Pupils will be limited to only bringing a coat, water bottle, snack and iPad (fully charged and clean). No pencil cases or reading books please.
- Pupils will be given their own tray, exercise book and stationery.
- We are asking that the children do not come into school in their school uniform. There is a variety of reasons for this decision, but we have been advised to encourage the pupils to wear clean clothes each day. As a staff, we will be following guidelines to wash our own clothes when we return home each day and would request pupils follow this as much as possible.
- If your child cannot tie their own laces, could they please wear strap shoes. Again, this is to ensure all contact is limited and we are able to observe social distancing rules as much as possible.
- Toilet trips will be taken as a group and will be monitored by members of staff. Children will be asked to sanitise and wash hands regularly at different parts of the session.
- Classwork will be delivered by a teacher from the front of the room. Teachers must keep their 2m distance and will not be able to interact with the children as they would normally have done.
- The main office will be closed to parents and we would encourage that all communications be made via email: [admin@prescotprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@prescotprimary.org.uk) or through the Y6 Google Classroom.
- Pupil showing symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated and parents/carers will be expected to collect from school immediately. More guidance will be provided in due course. Bubbles or even the school will be closed if a positive case is confirmed.
- Please note that our pupils must adhere to new stricter behaviour requirements and those who cannot or will not follow these new rules will have to be risk assessed to decide whether it would be safer for them to remain at home.
- If staffing numbers should drop for any reason, Y6 bubbles may need to close. We would try to give you as much notice as possible but cannot substitute teachers or merge groups.



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When we think about what this half term in school usually brings, we all feel sad and are still in disbelief. We have all worked hard at school and home to try and make this time better for our children but we know that we'd all have preferred to be learning about the Blue Planet, practising leavers' songs, running fancy dress races...even sitting tests.

We all want our Y6 Sharks to face the Autumn Term feeling happy about what is to come and together, we can help them through the next couple of weeks. But, there is no expectation for you to send your child to school. It is a decision you will need to think about very carefully and ultimately decide what is best for you and your family. There will be no penalties for staying at home.

### **What do you have to do next?**

**PLEASE EMAIL [admin@prescotprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@prescotprimary.org.uk) BY 5PM ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE to let us know your decision either way.** We will then assess the demand and prepare to run Option A or Option B. **If you do not contact us by the deadline, we cannot guarantee your child a place.**

Throughout next week, we will contact those families who have requested a place and share further information and documentation before Y6 return to school.

Once again, thank you for your understanding at this very difficult time. We know you appreciate that the safety of our children and staff will always be our top priority.

Kindest regards,

Mr George and Mrs Seddon.



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