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Dear parents and carers,

Wider opening of schools

As you may already be aware, the current government guidance states that there is now flexibility for primary schools to welcome back additional pupils where they have the capacity to do so. It is up to schools to decide which pupils to prioritise, based on their knowledge of their children and communities.

Whilst ensuring that we are still able to accommodate vulnerable children and children of key workers, we have decided that Thameside Primary school is able to safely offer the provision listed below over the last few weeks of term:

- **A transition day:** a day in school for all year groups with their new teachers
- **Annual Report Collection:** a time to come and collect the 2019-20 annual report for your child(ren) from their current teacher or another familiar adult (if they are unavailable)
- **Phone calls home:** a chance for Year 2,3,4 and 5 children to speak to their current teacher (unless they are in a key worker bubble and are at school)

As has been the case throughout lock down, it is absolutely parental choice as to whether or not you decide to engage with either the transition day, report collection or phone calls home. Please read the following information so that you can decide whether or not these experiences would be right for your child.

Transition Day		
Key worker bubbles Even if your child(ren) does not typically attend school on these days, all transition days for our purple key worker and vulnerable bubbles will be carried out as follows:		
Monday 6th July	Gates	Times
Current Foundation Stage (Sept Y1) Cherries & Ladybirds	Foundation Stage gate	8:45 –3:00pm
Wednesday 8 th July	Gates	Times
Current Year 2s (September Y3) Current Year 5s (September Y6)	Elliot's Way Gate 1 Elliot's Way Gate 2	8:45 – 3pm 8:45- 3:10pm
Friday 10th July	Gates	Times
Current Foundation Stage (Sept Y1) Chillies & Red Kites	Foundation Stage gate	8:45 –3:00pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Gates	Times
Current Year 3s (September Y4) Current Year 4s (September Y5)	Elliot's Way Gate 1 Elliot's Way Gate 2	8:45 –3:10pm 8:45- 3:00pm



Foundation Stage and Year 1

If your child is currently taking up their bubble place at school, you do not need to bring them in for additional days. However, if you have chosen for your child to be at home, these are the times and days you will need to bring your child to school. Please refer back to the email sent before half term which told you which bubble your child is in.

Foundation stage

Monday 6th July	Gates	Times
Current Foundation Stage (Sept Y1) Cherries & Ladybirds	Foundation Stage gate	8:45 –3:00pm

Friday 10th July	Gates	Times
Current Foundation Stage (SeptY1) Chillies & Red Kites	Foundation Stage gate	8:45 –3:00pm

Year 1

Tuesday 7 th July	Gates	Times
Current Year 1s (Sept Y2) Sunshine & Sunflower	Front black gate	8:45 –3:10pm

Thursday 9 th July	Gates	Times
Current Year 1s (Sept Y2) Daffodil & Lemon	Front black gate	8:45 –3:10pm

Year 2

Wednesday 8 th July	Gates	Times
Current Year 2s (September Y3)	Elliot's Way Gate 1	8:45 – 3pm

Year 3

Wednesday 15 th July	Gates	Times
Current Year 3s (September Y4)	Elliot's Way Gate 1	8:45 –3:10pm

Year 4

Wednesday 15 th July	Gates	Times
Current Year 4s (September Y5)	Elliot's Way Gate 2	8:45- 3:00pm

Year 5

Wednesday 8 th July	Gates	Times
Current Year 5s (September Y6)	Elliot's Way Gate 2	8:45 – 3:10pm

How will my child be kept safe?

- *Start and finish times will be staggered
- *As we are currently doing for all children at school, there will be timetabled hand washing, allocated toilets, staggered breaks and lunchtimes, amongst other precautions
- *To allow for social distancing, each class will be divided into two bubbles of no more than 15
- *Where possible, outside learning will be prioritised

What will the transition day include?

- *Children will have an opportunity to visit their new classroom and explore their new routines for September
- *Children will meet the adults that they will be working with next year
- *Children will have the chance to spend time with their friends and other children who will be in their new class
- *The activities planned are designed to support your child's transition back to school and ease their anxiety – they will be engaging and fun!

What should my child bring or wear?

- *Unless your child is in a key worker bubble, please can they bring their own packed lunch from home, a named water bottle and a snack. If your child is entitled to free school meals, this can be ordered on ParentPay **before 8am**.
- * As far as possible, we would like your child to wear their school uniform and they can wear any shoes that still fit them
- * No bags please but sun hats would be advisable and sun cream should be applied before school.
- *They could also bring something for their class belonging board e.g. rainbow art work or something else they are proud of.

Any further questions about transition day, please contact Mrs Burton, our Deputy head: deputy@thameside.reading.sch.uk



Annual Report Collection

Class	Date	Time slots	Collection point
RCB	Tuesday 30 th June	2-3pm	Foundation stage side gate (by bus shelter)
RSH	Tuesday 30 th June	2-3pm	Foundation stage main front gate
YRW	Wednesday 1 st July	9-9:30am or 11 – 12pm	Main front black gate
YKD	Wednesday 1 st July	9-9:30am or 11 – 12pm	Foundation stage side gate (by bus shelter)
YLD	Wednesday 1 st July	9-9:30am or 11 – 12pm	Elliot's Way gate 1 (next to Y3 block)
YLE	Wednesday 1 st July	9-9:30am or 11 – 12pm	Elliot's Way gate 2 (top end of field)
GCO	Wednesday 1 st July	9-9:30am or 11 – 12pm	Elliot's Way gate 2 (top end of field)
GAL	Wednesday 1 st July	9-9:30am or 11 – 12pm	Elliot's Way gate 2 (top end of field)
GHM	Wednesday 1 st July	9-9:30am or 11 – 12pm	Foundation stage main front gate
GJF	Wednesday 1 st July	9-9:30am or 11 – 12pm	Foundation stage main front gate
BFM	Wednesday 1 st July	9:30 – 10:00am or 3:00 – 3:30pm	Main front black gate
BAM	Wednesday 1 st July	9:30 – 10:00am or 3:00 – 3:30pm	Foundation stage side gate (by bus shelter)
BIG	Thursday 2 nd July	9:00 – 9:30am or 3:00 – 3:30pm	Main front black gate
BKE	Thursday 2 nd July	9:00 – 9:30am or 3:00 – 3:30pm	Main front black gate

What do I need to bring with me?

- * If you would like your child to come and collect their report from their teacher at the allocated time slot, that would be a chance for them to catch up and say hello. Teachers have all really missed their classes!
- * When collecting your child's report, please also return any **phonics or library books** that you may have at home. There will be a box by each collection point so we can maintain the 2m social distancing.

What will happen if I choose not to come and collect my child's report?

- * Your child's report will be posted home.

Please be advised that we will set up tables for each class at the gates so that social distancing rules can be observed.



Phone calls home

Year group	When will phone calls be made home?	Time
Year 2	Wednesday 24 th June Wednesday 1 st July Wednesday 8 th July	2.00-3.00 pm
Year 3		12.30-1.30pm
Year 4		10.30-11.30pm
Year 5		9.00-10.00pm

For children who have not been able to return to school class teachers will make a 'catch up call'. You will receive a text the day before telling you to expect a call from your child's teacher the next day (see timings above).

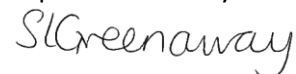
These phone call will last no more than 10 minutes and will provide the opportunity for **your child** to speak to their class teacher and tell them about some of the things they have been doing during lockdown. We are more than happy for parents to listen into these conversations on speakerphone.

Speaking to your child is the priority in this call but there will be an opportunity for parents to speak to class teachers and arrangements for this will be included in a letter with your child's annual report.

Thank you as always for your support and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Greenaway



Headteacher

