

Friday 29th May 2020

Coronavirus update - School opening Monday 1st June

Dear parents and carers,

Following the government's announcement yesterday evening that English primary schools are able to open from Monday 1st June for pupils in YN, YR, Y1 and Y6, I can confirm that our school will open for pupils in those year groups whose parents/carers have already agreed their attendance and their return will be staggered across the week.

Y6 will return on Monday 1st June at 11am and finish at 3.30pm. YR and Y1 will join the school on Tuesday 2nd June and YN on Wednesday 3rd June.

In preparation for a phased opening of school both our school staff and central Trust staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the school complies with the latest Government guidance and that pupils and staff are safe. A thorough school risk assessment has been completed, which has been approved by the Trust board and I am completely satisfied that through the actions we have taken and new processes and procedures we have put into place that we can safely manage the pupils and staff that are in school.

As part of the school's risk assessment the following will now apply:

The Key Worker and other pupils class will continue every day 9am-3.30pm and the pupils will continue to use the main hall entrance to enter and exit the building. The class will now be based in the Y3 classrooms and will be led by the Year 4 manager Phillip Starkey. The class will be given a morning and lunchtime break in a designated space in the playground that will not be shared by other pupils and will be supervised by staff working in their class. Lunch will be eaten and supervised in the classroom.

There will be staggered start and end times for each year group to ensure social distancing measures are followed;



Start times: Nursery & Reception 9am, Y1, 9.15am, Y6, 9.30am

End times: Nursery & Reception 3.00pm, Y1 3.15pm, Y6, 3.30pm

The pupils will enter and exit the school using the main entrance as before. Staff will direct pupils as to what class to line up outside of (each year group are using their existing classrooms as classes).

Pupils in the Nursery will now only be able to attend Wednesdays to Fridays (9am - 3pm), due to limited staffing, and classes will consist of a maximum of 15 places. In the Nursery social distancing will also not be enforced as it will be impossible to do so. The pupils will have outside breaks and they will be able to use the outdoor space adjacent to the back of their classroom as part of their lunchtime.

Pupils in Reception will be in classes of a maximum of 15 pupils and a degree of social distancing will take place. Due to limited staffing the pupils may not be taught by their usual teacher. There will be a morning break for children and they will be able to use their outdoor space as part of their lunchtime.

Pupils in Year 1 and Year 6 will be in small classes of 15 pupils or fewer and may be taught by a teacher who is not their current class teacher. Social distancing measures will mean that they will have their own class and individual resources that will not be shared with other pupils. Year 1 and 6 children will be given a morning break in a designated space in the playground that will not be shared by other pupils and will be supervised by staff working in their new class.

Pupils will wash their hands on arrival at their classroom and will wash their hands at regular times throughout the day. They will also use hand sanitiser throughout the day and wash their hands before leaving school. We will also develop routines to ensure children understand when and how to wash their hands, making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly.



We will also implement an enhanced cleaning schedule across the school, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including table tops, door handles and resources used.

Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms. As part of their lunchtime the pupils in Y1 and Y6 will have a supervised break in a designated space in the playground that will not be shared by other pupils and will be supervised by staff working in their new class.

If your child has special educational needs or is part of the DSB or has medical needs and you have agreed for them to return to school, please contact Alison Ingram SENCo on 0207-364-1022 to discuss the provision if needed.

School uniform will be expected to be worn by pupils but if parents/carers want their child to wear non-uniform clothing, it is fine for them to do so. P.E. kit will be required on a regular basis and in due course your class teacher will inform you of the day your child will have PE. It is recommended that when pupils arrive at home, they should shower or bathe and their clothes be washed.

Water fountains will not be used. Please ensure, therefore, that your child brings in a water bottle each day, which we will arrange to be taken home every day, and will need to be washed and returned, full, the following day. Air conditioning systems will also not be used until clear and credible guidance is provided as to their safe use. Pupil books or resources will also not be taken to and from home/school.

If your child shows any sign of potential coronavirus symptoms on arrival at the school gate or classroom, they will not be admitted and you will be strongly encouraged to take your child to a Covid-testing centre. Your child will not be able to return to school until either a negative test result has been received or a period of time has elapsed as stipulated by current Government guidance. If your child becomes ill during the school day their temperature will be checked and they will be placed in isolation, with close adult supervision and support if they are



distressed. You will be contacted immediately and you must come and collect them from school as quickly as possible. If their symptoms fall into the category of Covid symptoms, you will be strongly encouraged to take them to the testing centre and they will not be able to return to school until a negative test result has been received.

For all the pupils not returning to school home learning will continue. Online learning tasks via Google classroom will continue to be set and monitored by teachers. Pupils who require additional or differentiated learning materials will continue to receive them and phone calls to the pupils at home will be maintained.

Please note that pupils whose parents/carers have not confirmed their child will be returning to school will not be admitted into the school site until a place has been confirmed by the school. Any parents/carers who do not follow the social distancing procedures when they are on the school site will also not be allowed on the school premises.

At this time, I cannot say whether we will be able to accept children into other year groups but this situation will be reviewed following the latest government guidance.

These are unprecedented times and I appreciate that this is again challenging for pupils as well as for you all. If you have any concerns regarding supporting your child who is not in school please contact the school on 0207-364-1022 or via email info@cullodenacademy.org

We will continue to provide as much information as we can, as soon as we can, via our website, text message and Twitter.

Thank you once again for your support in these unprecedented times and I wish you and your family well.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Carter

Principal