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Dear St Joseph's Family,

Thank you for your patience over the last week waiting for further information. As you may well be aware, the government has now confirmed that the 5 criteria have been met and we can begin the wider opening of schools from Monday 1st June. There has been no change to logistics since I last wrote to you and I therefore confirm that the plans put in place before half term will now come into fruition.

It would be useful to read the table below with your child before they return to school so that they are aware of the importance of social distancing and handwashing. This is an unusual return to school and therefore the more informed they are, hopefully the less of a surprise it will be.

We are really looking forward to seeing them on Monday and hope that over the course of the term we are able to invite more of our family back to join us. If you have any further queries please email gillb@st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk

Take care,
God Bless.

BJ Gill

Pod Arrangements

Pod	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Room	Class 6	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Foundation
Start time	08:40	08:50	08:40	09:00	09:00	08:50	08:40
Finish time	15:00	15:10	15:00	15:20	15:20	15:10	15:00
Children	Y6	Y6	Key Workers	Y6	Key Workers	Key Workers	Key Workers

Information for Children and Adults

What do I bring?	<p>Packed lunch (or order a school packed lunch in the normal way)</p> <p>Water bottle</p> <p>Tissues</p> <p>Coat</p> <p>Sun cream (you need to practise putting this on yourself! All Foundation stage children should come to school with sun cream already applied as well as being able to put their own on.)</p> <p>Sun hat</p> <p>Reading book - if you have one at home</p>
What do I wear?	<p>Home clothes</p> <p>Sensible footwear suitable for doing PE in</p> <p><i>We aim to do PE daily, but children will not get changed</i></p>
Where do I go when I arrive at my set time?	<p>Straight to the outside door of your pod classroom</p> <p>Stand on one of the marked crosses</p> <p>Your pod teacher will invite you inside</p> <p>You wash your hands and then go to an allocated seat (<i>or area in the classroom for Foundation stage</i>)</p>
What happens when I get picked up?	<p>You stand outside on your cross, when we see the adult who is picking you up we will send you to them.</p> <p>Year 6 children given permission to walk home alone will be sent around to the front entrance. Please talk to your children about the importance of social distancing on their way home.</p>
Where am I going to eat my lunch?	<p>Hopefully it will be dry enough to eat outside every lunchtime</p> <p>If not - you will eat in your pod classroom</p>
Can I have a hot meal?	<p>Not at the moment. It's safest to remain in your pod classrooms at the moment. It's not safe to carry hot meals to classrooms.</p> <p>Anyone who wants to can order lunches in the normal way. This includes Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals (Year F, 1, 2)</p>
Will I get playtime and lunchtime with my friends?	<p>Each pod has a space outside to play in</p> <p>You will have break, lunch, afternoon play and PE in these spaces</p> <p>You will only be with the people in your pod - but you must stay 2m away</p>
Can I see children from other pods?	<p>You might see them from afar in the playground or on your way into school, but you won't be able to play with them.</p>

Can I change pods?	Sadly no. Once you have been given a pod you have to stay there. It's safest for you, your family and the St. Joseph's family if you only mix with 1 group of people. This might change later on in the term
Can I sit with my friends in class?	They will be in class with you, but they will be sitting 2m away. You will have a chance to discuss things and chat, but from a safe distance.
What happens if I need help with my work?	Put your hand up, but your teacher will help you from the front of the class. They can see your work on their screen. For foundation Mrs Watts will come closer to you (we won't be working on chrome books) - but still try to keep 2m away.
What happens if I need the toilet?	Just like usual, put your hand up and ask. (<i>Foundation children just need to tell Mrs Watts.</i>) Please don't worry if we ask you to wait, we are only allowing one to the toilet at a time. We will also ask you to wash your hands when you return to class - this is because you will have touched door handles and taps on your way out.
Will I be with my own class teacher?	Probably not. We have to split classes across the school and so need to share teachers and TAs. (<i>Foundation children will be with Mrs Watts.</i>)
What will my school day look like?	A basic day will look like this: Welcome, prayer, handwashing Learning time - English or Maths Break time - followed by handwashing Learning Time - English or Maths Lunchtime -followed by handwashing Learning time - Weekly task or PE Afternoon break followed by handwashing Learning time - Weekly task or PE Home time - Handwashing, prayer Your work will be similar to what you have been doing at home You will continue with daily reading, TTRS and Literacy Planet You will continue with your weekly tasks - one each day
What happens if I am late to school?	The adult who brings you can ring Mrs Way and she will let you in the front gate. You then walk around to your pod's outside door and you will be let in.
What happens if I don't get picked up on time?	You will wait on your cross for a little while. If it's a long time, we will ask you to return to your pod and sit at your desk while we contact home.

Why are we in pods?	The pod is like a protective bubble to reduce the risk of any outbreak in school occurring. If there is an outbreak it should be limited to just one pod.
How will we keep our spaces/pods clean?	You will wash your hands regularly Staff will regularly wipe things that are touched frequently (door handles, light switches etc.) Everything will get a thorough clean at the end of the day
What happens if I feel poorly?	If you are unwell at home we ask you to stay off. If you feel unwell in school you will go to a special room and wait to be collected. It's possible that we will ask all children and teachers in your pod to go home as well. You will be able to get a test to see if you are safe to return or if you need to stay off for longer. <i>If this happens and you have questions you can always contact school.</i> <i>We will clean the pod room thoroughly</i>
What happens if my teacher/TA is poorly?	They will go home straight away and book a test. Their pod will also go home. Once we know the outcome of the test we will either invite your pod back into school or ask you to remain at home. <i>We will always contact you if this happens.</i> <i>We will clean the pod room thoroughly</i>
What happens if I am year 6 and have opted not to come back, can I change my mind?	Of course you can, we have reserved spaces for all year 6.
Why is there no breakfast club?	There is an increased risk of cross contamination and therefore we consider this an unnecessary risk at the moment.
What do I do if I am worried?	You speak to the adult in your pod or someone at home. It's good to tell people of your worries and it's ok to have lots of questions. This is a very unusual time for us all.
Is there anything else I need to know?	At the moment we do not know when other year groups will be able to return, but as soon as we do we will let you know. To help keep everyone safe, please shower every night as soon as you get home from school and wear fresh clothes the next day. Staff will be doing this too and therefore might look a little more casual in school.



Catch it!

Germs spread easily.
Always carry tissues and
use them to catch your
cough or sneeze.



Bin it!

Germs can live for several
hours on tissues.
Dispose of your tissue as
soon as possible.



Kill it!

Hands can transfer germs
to every surface you touch.
Clean your hands
as soon as you can.