



Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### Important information regarding school reopening

Dear Parents/Carers;

I am writing to provide you with further information regarding the reopening of Mellor to all children in September. Due to a recent notification of a confirmed COVID-19 case of a member of school staff, a number of staff are now following government guidance and PHE advice and are self-isolating for a period of 14 days. As such, the decision has been made to delay the return of Mellor pupils to school in order that we can ensure that we have adequate staffing and all preparations are in place so that our school is as safe as possible for children when they return.

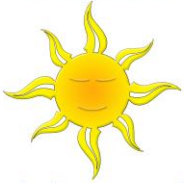
Due to this situation we have agreed with the Local Authority and school governors that there will be a graduated start to the school year. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September will now be used to ensure all necessary health and safety training with staff has been conducted. We will then be inviting children in Years 6, 4 and 2 to attend school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and children in Years 5, 3 and 1 will attend school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. This will give all children in KS1/2 a chance to meet their new class teacher and become familiar with the new structure of the school day. From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September we will be inviting all statutory aged children, including Reception, to return to school. Meetings with parents of Nursery aged children will also be conducted this week. Our Early Bird provision will also start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September for those parents who have secured places and further information will be sent out to these parents next week.

As per government guidance we will be maintaining separate year group bubbles when we return in September, this will mean that each year group will have a staggered start and finish to their school day and also staggered breaks and lunchtimes. We understand that this may pose difficulties for parents but we ask that you work with us so that we can ensure protective measures are followed. It is important that social distancing markings are observed and children arrive at their designated start times on time for the safety of all. We also ask that only one parent accompanies their child(ren) to school so that we can limit the number of individuals around the school site.

For your information I include a table detailing the start and collection times for each year group. Please note all drop offs and collections will be made from Checketts Road entrances. The Clarke Street gate will remain closed.

Entrance	Drop Off Times				Collection Times			
	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30pm
<b>Checketts Road Main Playground Entrance</b>	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
<b>Checketts Road KS1/EYFS Entrance</b>			Year 2	Year 1			Year 2	Year 1





We will be sending out detailed information to each year group next week which will provide you with more information about what school will look like for your children and timings for the school day, including information for our Reception and Nursery children.

Our school building has now been deep cleaned and fully sanitised and we are very much looking forward to welcoming children back to school. Whilst we are sad that we cannot welcome children back on 1<sup>st</sup> September as planned it is far more important that we ensure the safety of our children even if this means a slight delay.

I do hope that you and your families continue to have an enjoyable summer break and myself and the Mellor staff look forward to reconnecting with you all soon.

Yours sincerely

Nik Foster  
Headteacher

