



RED HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Helen Tomlinson

5th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is to notify you of the opening arrangements from Wednesday 6th January 2021 for those that have been identified as vulnerable children and children of critical Key workers.

For our keyworker group of children, the following guidelines remain: -

- Only children and staff who are symptom free or who have completed the isolation period are allowed to attend school
- If for whatever reason your child is unable to attend school, we would request that parent/carers contact us on that day in line with our attendance policy of reporting absence. Our attendance officer Mrs Claire Clifton will be on hand to support.

Entry into school:

We will be opening both sites

- Children will continue to enter school through their normal entrance. We ask that **all** keyworker children arrive at **08:45am**. This includes Nursery children.
- Only one parent/carer can walk with their child to school.
- Our one-way system will remain in place and we ask **all** parents to adhere to this and keep to the 2m social distancing at all times.
- We ask that adults wear a face covering unless there is an underlying medical condition which means you are exempt.
- Exiting from school site must be done promptly after having seen their child onto school premises
- Parents must not congregate around the school site
- Entry to school will be closed at **9.15am**
- Access into school will not be allowed after this time. If your child arrives after 09:15 they will not be able to attend school this day.

Exit from school:

- We will still need to continue with the staggered exit times from school. These times have been adjusted slightly.

Nursery and reception	2:45pm
Year 1 and Year 2	2:50pm
Year 3/4	2:55pm
Year 5/6	3:00pm

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- Please queue in the line you have been queuing in since returning to school in September. Please adhere to 2m social distancing.
- Parent/carer and child exit via the one way system.
- Parents must not congregate around the school site.

Clothing:

- Children **will** be expected to wear school uniform.
- Your child will be required to come into school wearing PE kit on the day they have PE.
Monday- Year 1
Tuesday- Year 3/4
Wednesday – Year Rec and Nursery
Thursday- Year 5/6
Friday- Year 2
- In line with our risk assessment, we ask that children wear additional layers as windows will be remaining open.

Classroom arrangements

- Children are not permitted to bring from home any stationery items. School will provide them with their own personal pack of items which will remain at their desk at the end of the school day.
- Children are to be provided with two water bottles one for the classroom and one for their school dinner.
- Reading books are still to come into school on Friday ready to be changed and given back out on a Monday.
- Children will have to wash their hands in warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds on entry into school. They will be allocated a set of toilets which will only be used by their group.
- Children will have a curriculum offer that covers all subjects with a particular focus on reading writing and math.

Further details on the safety measures we have put in place can be found on our risk assessment which is available on our website.

Lunchtime

- FSM children and universal infant free school meals (Reception, Yr1 and Yr2) will receive the option of a hot school meal or a grab bag. Children can bring in their own packed lunch if they wish.
- All other children can either bring in a packed lunch from home or can pay for a hot meal. This will need to be purchased through Parent Pay – further details to follow.
- We ask that **NO NUT** products are brought into school.

Preparing our children of today for the challenges of tomorrow

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Wrap around care

As it stands we will be providing wrap around care as usual. Please make contact if you require a space. Please note that numbers will be reviewed on a regular basis and if the uptake becomes insufficient this may change.

Child or adult begins to show symptoms during the school day:

- The member of staff will be sent home from school and sent for testing
- The child will be isolated from the group in a safe place and will be requested to be collected ASAP.
- If there is a confirmed case of Covid 19 following a test then all of the group would be advised of this and need to isolate for a period of 10 days.
- A deep clean of the environment would then take place.

Visitors

- The main reception is not open for visitors unless there is a pre-arranged appointment.
- The toilet in the main reception has been closed.
- We would hope that you would be able to discuss any matters via the telephone or email.

Ultimately the most important thing is to keep your child and the team at Red Hall safe and well. We would like to say thank you for your support and cooperation during this time of great change. Your children have all been amazing and have taken on board these changes well. We are very proud of them.

After having read this letter if you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to email (info@redhall.dudley.sch.uk) or call school.

With warm regards to you all

Mrs Tomlinson