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Dear families

Phased return to school from 1st June

In preparation for the phased return to school from 1st June, I am writing to let you know the measures currently in place in school as well as some additional measures we are putting in place for 1st June onwards to ensure the safety and wellbeing of both students and staff.

As Government guidelines are still to ensure social distancing, as much as is possible in an SEND environment, the following have been and will continue to take place in school:-

- Frequent hand washing for both staff and pupils
 - staff use hand sanitiser on entering building and wash hands in the nearest sink when they reach their classroom/usual work area
 - pupils immediately when reaching classroom
- Temperature checks on arrival for all staff and pupils
 - high temperature recorded staff or child sent home
- Gloves and apron worn by staff when completing close contact work e.g toileting, changing clothes, feeding.
- Full face visors will be used when directly feeding any child with spitting behaviours and for in the isolation room as required.
- Masks worn by staff during the day if they feel more comfortable.
- Masks worn by staff if supporting a child who must access the isolation room during the day due to symptoms of coronavirus developing – guidance will be sought from NHS11/DfE COVID 19 advice line regarding what measures need to be undertaken by those who have been within the group with symptomatic staff/pupil.
- Very small groups sizes ‘bubbles’ - no more than 6 to 7 people in any class/space at any time, depending on the room size.
- Cleaning shared equipment as required throughout the day (by school staff).
- Cleaning of classes and spaces used at the end of day (by cleaning staff) including all door handles, tables and equipment.
- We have created a rota taking into account the creation of group ‘Bubbles’ to minimise cross contact between staff and pupils. Keyworker and highly vulnerable pupil are in their own appropriate group ‘Bubbles’, as they are in school for more days. The keyworker/vulnerable group will form a Bubble across the week with some staff changes to allow time for staff wellbeing.
- Class teachers have been asked to create boxes for the different Bubbles accessing their classroom to ensure equipment isn’t shared across groups. They have also been asked to consider the classroom layout to ensure it supports pupils but equally promotes social distancing as much as possible, as well as ensuring any clutter is removed to reduce the amount of items that require cleaning on a daily basis.

- Members of the leadership team, office staff and some non-class based staff will be around during the day to support Bubbles as required. However we will aim to only break a Bubble if absolutely necessary in order to minimise any potential risks.
- Pupils will be eating in their classrooms and will not be accessing communal indoor spaces for now e.g. pool, soft play, dining hall, sensory room, hall, calm room (other than those pupils who are in the keyworker/vulnerable group as they are in school all week). This decision has not been taken lightly we have spent time discussing the positives and negatives, however we do not feel we can clean these spaces well enough between use, so have had to take this decision in the best interest of safety for our staff and pupils.

All procedures will be regularly reviewed and risk assessed to ensure we maintain a safe environment for all concerned. We will also continue to keep you updated of any changes in Government guidelines which have an impact on keeping school open.

This situation is new to everyone and not one that we as a school and wider community have gone through before. We appreciate any feedback you have and welcome you to contact a member of SLT through the school office or through Sue's email address SBashford@dysartschool.org if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

We hope you all stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely



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Principal**