



Somerville Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers

A lot has been happening over the half term to prepare for the reopening of both schools from 8th June 2020. Please remember we will be opening up in a phased approach to ensure that we have the resources to open up to each year group progressively. Please see a reminder of the phases below.

- Phase 1. From 1st June 2020: Increase childcare capacity for those requiring additional support (Vulnerable Children) and Key Worker children.
- Phase 2. On 8th June 2020*: Reopen to Year 6 children. **Only to those Year 6 who have replied and notified the school via the survey form.**
- Phase 2. When it is considered possible by the governing body: Reopen the Nursery School to Foundation 1 children.
- Phase 3. When it is considered possible by the governing body: Reopen to Year 1 children.
- Phase 3. When it is considered possible by the governing body: Reopen to 2 Year Old provision.
- Phase 4. When it is considered possible by the governing body: Reopen to Foundation 2 children.

NB: Each phase is subject to change.

We do not have specific dates for each phase as we want to ensure that at each stage we can safely reopen to each specific year group. I realise this may be difficult for you and can only thank you for your patience whilst we organise these arrangements in school. The intention is to monitor the staffing levels and classroom space in the school before a further year group comes into the school to ensure that children are able to return safely.

Somerville continues to remain open for childcare provision for Key Worker children and those needing additional support. This provision has increased in readiness for 1st June 2020 to allow for more key worker children and vulnerable children in priority order.

Year 1, Foundation 2 and Nursery children will be informed in advance when their year group will be able to return to school we are arranging this at the moment.

Those Year 6 parents who have completed the survey and are able to return to school will be returning to school on 8th June 2020 and using the Park Rd gate to access the school from 8.45 to 9.05am. We have arranged for your children to be in three bubbles in their current classrooms and we will text you to let you know any more information. If you have not completed the survey please contact the school office from 8th June 2020, unfortunately your child will have to wait until arrangements can be made for your child to return.

I would like to thank all those parents who have informed the school by the survey of your intention for your child to return or not as the case may be. The survey is now closed for all primary school children as we prepare to open up for those children who have notified us, 217 of you completed the survey, many thanks, you have all been really helpful. The Nursery survey remains open as we did not have all of your emails and mobile numbers on the system to send you the survey.

If your child is in Foundation 2, Year 1 or Year 6 and either you have not responded to the survey or you have changed your mind about your child returning to school please contact the school office from 8th June and we will be in touch when it is possible for your child to return.

We are awaiting further government guidance to reopen the school to our other year groups before the end of the Summer Term and will be in touch as soon as the government releases guidance on your child's year group returning. Please do not worry we have not forgotten about you, far from it, we are missing each and every one of you. For now please try your best to continue with the online learning if you are able to and we will be in touch as soon as you can return safely to school.

Childcare Provision.

From Monday 8th June we would like our childcare provision children to enter and leave the school hall from the Poulton Rd entrance gate this will ensure social distancing is in place when other children start returning to school. If your child's year group is asked to return to school, for instance Year 6 from 8th June, you will need to decide if your child is to return to a taught bubble in their classroom or if you need after school care they will need to stay in the school hall in the childcare bubble.

Please continue to remember that the childcare survey must be completed by 7pm on a Friday the week before your childcare is required, this ensures that we can create the staff rota and inform staff prior to the start of the week. As numbers have now increased in the childcare and staffing levels are reducing as staff are needed back in class any children who are not entered into the childcare survey will unfortunately not be able to attend due to staff to pupil ratio which needs to be planned in advance.

Working from home.

Please continue to utilise the online learning that has been made available to you as well as the working from home webpage on our school website. Don't forget that you can contact your child's year group teachers by email, for example: year1@somerville.wirral.sch.uk Foundation 2 is F2year@somerville.wirral.sch.uk this is the only one that differs slightly in format.

Free School Meal Vouchers.

Vouchers were issued to parents and carers over the half term period and will continue to be issued until further notice. However as children return to school FSM vouchers will not be issued to those children as they will begin to be provided with a school lunch in line with government guidelines.

Every week more parents are applying for free school meals, on 20th March 204 children from the Primary School were eligible, we now have 245 children who are eligible. Anyone who wishes to apply for free school meals here is the link <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral/>

Contacting the school.

Just a reminder once again that we continue to check answer phone messages daily and any emails. Emails can be sent to the schooloffice@somerville.wirral.sch.uk and these are either forwarded to me or are sent to the business manager if it relates to free school meals.

If you do not receive this weekly update on your email please contact the school office to make sure that we have your most up to date email address and mobile phone number.

Look after yourselves and your family!

With regards and best wishes to you all,



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