



# Somerville Federation

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## **Phased Reopening of Schools in Somerville Federation Updated 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

### **Somerville Primary School, Somerville Federation.**

*Please note: If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to Nursery. Please refer to government guidelines for further details of these groups.*

The following actions are in place for the reopening to F2, Y1 and Y6 children.

- A risk assessment of all areas has been written and shared with the governors and the local authority for the reopening of the school.
- Children of key workers and those who need additional support of other year groups will continue to be accommodated in the childcare provision, however this provision be reviewed weekly due to limited staff numbers and space available. Most staff will be teaching the children returning to school and a number of staff are currently self-isolating and will not be returning to school at the moment.
- Key worker children must continue to book in weekly for their childcare provision. Any children not booking in advance will unfortunately be asked to return the following week once they have booked a place due to limited staffing capacity during this return to school phase.
- Any new requests from key workers for the childcare provision will be considered on a priority basis due to limited staffing and space in the school.
- Children returning to school in the proposed year groups F2, Y1 and Y6 will be working in a classroom with at least two adults and this will be known as a 'bubble'.
- Children will need to be aware that when they are in their bubble they will not be with all of the children from their class, they may not be in their friendship groups and they may not be with their own class teacher or in their own classroom as this may not be possible.
- Each bubble will not come into contact with children in other bubbles during the school day.
- A bubble will contain no more than 15 children, but on average we envisage a bubble to contain an average of 10 children at the Primary School.
- Routines will be unfamiliar and more formal than usual. They will however, be well cared for and welcomed by the adult who is working with them.
- The behaviour policy has now been updated along with a new home school agreement which has been sent to you previously and a paper copy will be sent on your child's return to school.
- Children will be expected to arrive at the Primary School between 8.45am and 9.05am. Children will be expected to be collected from 3.00pm to 3.20pm. This will ensure that there is minimal adult contact – 2m distancing between adults must be maintained.
- We have asked parents and carers politely not to gather at the school gates when arriving or departing. This may prevent other adults and children from entering or leaving the premises.
- Where possible only one adult should accompany children to school, obviously if they have several children this may not be possible on their own and we recognise this.
- Arriving after 9.05am to school will not be acceptable unless there are exceptional circumstances. Similarly it will not be acceptable to collect their child during the school day, or early unless there are very exceptional circumstances. Anyone unable to adhere to the timings of the day should consider continuing with home learning until they can maintain the set times.

- Children can wear any suitable clothing (leisure clothing) for school and they may choose to send them in their school uniform (if it still fits!) but have asked that whatever they wear it should ideally be loose fitting and it must be clean clothes each day to reduce the possible risk of transmission to themselves and to other children and staff.
- All children will be provided a water bottle and a school packed lunch to reduce the amount of belongings being brought into school from home into their bubble. Gluten free lunches will also be accommodated where required. If their child has a very specific diet that we may be unable to accommodate then this is an exceptional circumstance. Their child's health is paramount.
- We have asked that children do not bring in any personal belongings, mobile phones, pencil cases etc we do not envisage that they will need any of these items when in school.
- Soft, wooden toys and soft furnishings have been removed from the school classrooms.
- Children will be expected to wash their hands for 20 seconds at regular intervals during the school day as well as before and after lunch and after visiting the toilet.
- Children may spend more time outdoors than usual and therefore they will need to bring a warm coat with them each day. In most cases these will be kept on the back of chairs or folded under their table. According to the weather, we have asked parents and carers also to consider applying sun cream before school.
- Breaks will be given to the children throughout the day and these will be on a rota basis and in a specific zone of the outdoor area to reduce possible contact with other children.
- Corridors have been split in two as far as possible and a one way system is in place for children to visit the designated toilet for their bubble. Those in Foundation 2 will be able to access the toilet in their classroom or next to their classroom. Adults will supervise children on their way to and from the toilets to reduce the possible risk of coming into contact with other children.
- The Government suggests that social distancing will not be possible within a school setting and we would offer no guarantee that we would be able to keep their children socially distant, despite our best endeavours.
- Collecting children at the end of the school day from 3.00pm to 3.20pm. There will be specific zones on the playground for parents and carers to wait for them to collect their child. When collecting other children from other zones we ask that you remain socially distant from other parents and their children.
- If parents or carers need to speak to a member of school staff this will not be possible at the classroom door to minimise contact. Please instead telephone the school office to make arrangements for the member of staff to telephone you at a mutually convenient time.
- If you need to speak to someone in the school office, please telephone or email [schooloffice@somerville.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@somerville.wirral.sch.uk) for an appointment and then only 1 adult at a time will be allowed entry to the front entrance with a prior appointment. The door will need to be closed behind you and other adults will need to wait outside until the person currently in the entrance exits the building. 1 in 1 out.
- If your child develops any Coronavirus symptoms (now updated to include loss of or change to taste and smell) you must inform the school immediately and the child must be tested (pending updated government guidance for the age of the child) and must not attend school for 14 days.
- If the child lives with someone who develops symptoms they should not attend school for 14 days and the parent or carer must inform school immediately so that we can inform other parents and carers to be vigilant.
- Anyone suspected of having symptoms in school will be isolated from the rest of the bubble until a parent collects the child. All children and staff in the bubble will also be sent home and will be asked to isolate for 14 days or until the tested child tests negative. All parents of children in the bubble will be updated on the progress of the child's test whether positive or negative. If a child tests negative the bubble will reopen to children and staff on the next available school day.
- Families must continue to observe the current social distancing guidance out of school and so must not mix with other households.

Online learning will continue but may reduce as a consequence of more staff being required in school to teach year groups as they return.