

Friday 29th May 2020

Dear Parents of pupils in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5

We hope that you and your family are well. Since our last letter, we have been looking at each of our three sites to ensure that pupils and staff can return to school with their health and safety being our main priority. Thank you for all of your support during this very difficult time.

As you are aware, the Government have decided to open schools to some pupils from the week commencing 1st June.

In line with the Government guidance we will reopen our schools to pupils in a gradual and safe way. Having small numbers of classes returning will help us to keep all children safe.

Which pupils will return to school?

Children who have been attending school throughout the lockdown will continue to attend on a daily basis but from Monday 8th June this provision will transfer to our individual sites.

In addition, children in early years, Year 1 and Year 6 have been prioritised for return by Government.

What about Years 2, 3, 4 and 5?

Children in Years 2-5 will stay at home and continue to benefit from the programme of work that we have set for them. This includes Starbank's summer 2 online lessons / study packs provided by the school or through National Oak Academy / BBC Bitesize Daily which will continue until the end of the summer term.

In addition, we will continue to make weekly phone calls to your child to encourage them with their work and let them know how much we care for them.

It may be possible for pupils in these year groups to return to school before we break up in July. At this stage it is too early to make decisions as to whether and how this will happen. We will keep you informed of developments.

Free school meals

All children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals will continue to receive vouchers through the Government's Edenred scheme.

Please update us

If you are a key worker and require a place for your child (in any year group) to enable you to return to work, please complete our online application form (starbankschool.co.uk) so that arrangements can be made. You can also phone school on 0121 464 2638. Parents of children who are already attending school daily do not need to reapply.

If you have not already informed us, we also need to hear from you if your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, clinically vulnerable or if a member of your household is clinically extremely vulnerable. Please contact the school office 0121 464 2638.

Thank you once again for all of the support that you give to your child, and for working with us. We are very proud of the way in which our Starbank community has pulled together to look after each other during the pandemic. As you know, we have supported families who have struggled to buy essential food and hygiene products during this period. If you need help with this, then please do let us know.

Our Parent and Pupil Protocols can be found on our website. Please take time to read these with your child/children.

Yours sincerely

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