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GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Thursday 25 June 2020

Dear parent/carers

I am providing a final update ahead of our reopening on Monday 29th June.

All parents/carers who returned forms to school have now been allocated places for their child(ren) and have received confirmation of the days they are able to attend.

All parents/carers are advised not to arrive at school on the 'off chance' that their child(ren) will be able to attend. All places have been allocated and only those children whose attendance has been agreed will be able to enter school.

I am sure you will be aware from reports in the news that children returning to George Street will have considerably more time in school than in many other settings. I am very grateful to our staff team whose hard work and commitment has made this possible. I know that every member of our team is doing everything they can to make the reopening and the continuing home learning as effective and as beneficial as possible.

I also want to express my thanks to Sian Donoghue, our cleaning team and other members of staff who will be working this weekend to make sure that we are ready to open on the 29th.

Our staff have participated in meetings this week to ensure that everyone is clear and confident about plans for reopening and the measures that we have in place to make school as safe as we are able. Our detailed risk assessment has been reviewed by the LA's health and safety team and a site inspection has been completed. I can now confirm that the procedures the school has in place meet the government's 'Five Steps to Safer Working Together'.

You will hopefully have seen the videos posted midweek on Twitter and Seesaw that explain arrangements for pupils' arrival and collection. To help this process run smoothly please take note of the following:

- All parents/carers are required to observe social distancing when travelling to and from school.
- Only one adult per household should bring/collect children.
- Where possible, parents are requested to walk to school.
- All parents/carers and children are to approach school via the appointed access (see over).
- A member of staff will take charge of your child at the entrance gate.
- Parents/carers are not permitted to enter the school site.
- Parents/carers must observe the 2m distance markings on pathways while waiting for their child to enter/leave.
- The drop-off zone will be closed.

- Parents/carers of pupils in Nursery & Reception (and in the hub during the second and third weeks) will queue on the path leading from Conway Road, observing the 2m rule.
- Parents/carers of pupils in Years 1&2 will queue on the path leading from School Lane (2m rule).
- Parents/carers of pupils in Years 3-6 will queue on either side of the drop-off zone in the marked areas (2m rule).
- Parents/carers are requested to use the surrounding space to maintain a safe 2m distance from others as they leave.
- Parents/carers must leave the areas surrounding school as soon as children have been handed over. Gathering with others is not permitted.

	Beginning of day	End of day	Access via
Nursery	9.00	11.30	Conway Road
Reception	8:50	3:00	Conway Road
Year I	9.00	3:10	School Lane
Year 2	8:50	3:00	School Lane
Year 3	9:00	3:10	George St steps
Year 4	9:00	3:10	George St ramp
Year 5	8:50	3:00	George St steps
Year 6	8:50	3:00	George St ramp
Hub	8.50	3.10	Conway Road

By observing these measures you will be helping to keep everyone visiting school safer.

Most importantly, no parent/carer or child showing any symptoms of Covid-19 should come to school. Symptoms include a persistent cough and/or high temperature, difficulty in breathing and change to or loss of taste and smell. Any child with symptoms will be isolated and parents will be contacted to collect them immediately.

Lastly, we are really looking forward to seeing children back in school over the next three weeks. I am sure that they will enjoy their time with friends and with staff and will benefit from the opportunity to engage in activities together. Please note that, wherever possible, we will spend a good part of the day outside; if the weather is sunny please make sure that children have sun cream applied before arriving in school and that they have a hat and lightweight long sleeves if needed.

We shall see you soon.

Kind regards,

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