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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re-opening of KPA to Year 1

We are inviting Year 1 children back and they will commence on a part time basis from Tuesday 9th June.

Why is the school time different/shorter?

To ensure the safety of all of the staff and children we will only be offering mornings. Once we have settled into a routine this will change. We need to start back gradually as the children have already faced a lot of change/challenges over the last few months and we want to make sure that the transition back to school is successful for everyone.

How will the children be grouped?

We will be splitting each class in half so that we have no more than 15 children in each group (bubble). This will mean that the children may not be with their own teacher or teaching assistant and may be in a different classroom. We will try where possible to put children with their friends; however, the classrooms and environments will be completely different to what they have been used to.

Will the curriculum be the same?

Yes, the Year 1 team have worked hard to ensure that there is a balance of structured learning and play to learn. The children will be learning both inside and outside the classroom.

If my child doesn't come to school will they still have work set?

Your child will no longer have Purple Mash set as all teachers will be working daily in school. There are a variety of resources available for Year 1 at www.kpaevents.co.uk.

Will my child have a school meal?

All children in Year 1 are entitled to a universal free school meal. Initially, the children will have a cold packed lunch and we will book this if you have already advised us. This will be reviewed on a weekly basis. If your child brings in their own packed lunch, please ensure that it is named.

What will my child need to bring to school?

We are expecting children to return in full school uniform, except ties. Children do not need to bring in a bookbag as we will not be exchanging reading books at present. They WILL need a named bottle of water as we are unable to share cups and there will not be jugs of water available at lunch. Your child can also bring in a snack but this will need to be kept

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with them to avoid any cross contamination. Please also bring in a sun hat and apply sun cream to your child before school if it is a hot day.

Where will we drop off and pick up?

The children will be starting and finishing at staggered times and will use the entrance into the playground from the front car park. It is imperative that you turn up at the correct time as we need to ensure that we are adhering to all social distancing measures that are in place. **Any late children will be sent home as we do not have the adults to escort children around the school.** There will be markings on the floor for each group to stand behind and children MUST line up and ensure that there is a 2-metre distance between each person. Parents will not be allowed through the gate with their child and only one parent should accompany their child to school.

How will I find out which bubble my child is in?

This week you have received an email with your child's bubble information. These groupings cannot be changed and the children need to be dropped off and picked up at their allocated time. The timings of each group for week 1 from Tuesday 9th June is as follows:

1RW - Start time: 9.30-9.45

Finish time: 12.15

1KJ – Start time: 9.45-10.00

Finish time: 12.30

1EG – Start time: 10.00-10.15

Finish time: 12.45

What happens if my child is in Year 1 and is a key worker child?

If your child is currently on our list as a key worker child then they can either start at 8.40-9am or at their allocated time and will remain at school until 3.10pm.

What happens if I decide not to bring my child in?

You will not be penalised if you decide to keep your child at home. If you do decide that you would like your child to start at a later date than advertised, please email me at kpa@kingspark-academy.co.uk

How do I report my child's absence?

If your child is poorly then please email absence@kingspark-academy.co.uk before 9am.

The school office will be manned to answer phone calls but will not be open for visitors.

How will school keep my child safe?

As a school we have an extensive risk assessment that will be reviewed on a daily basis. The children will be seated 2 metres apart and we will be reminding them of the expectations to keep themselves safe. There are many resources that we will be using to support with hygiene and the children will be encouraged to clean their hands at certain times thoroughly throughout the morning. The children will only play with toys within their bubble and these will be cleaned after each session. The classroom will be cleaned thoroughly after each session by our cleaners.

What can I do to help my child return to school?

You can talk to your child about keeping themselves safe and remind them of the importance of good hygiene. Encourage them to wash their hands throughout the day for at

least 20 seconds – add a song for a bit of fun! Explain to them that school will look different, that they will be sat at a desk, that their teacher may be different, that their class size will be smaller. Remind them that they need to stay apart from their friends at a 2-metre distance and that during drop off and pick up, you will not be allowed to enter the school grounds. The more prepared your child is for a return the easier it will be for them to settle into a new way of learning.

Best wishes

Lauren Dean

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