
Chief Executive Officer: Mrs L Whitehouse

Friday 5th June 2020

Re: Staggered Reopening of Inspire Schools from Tuesday 9th June

Dear Parents/ Carers

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been putting our plans to reopen our schools into action. We have spent all of this week reviewing our detailed risk assessments and testing them out with members of our school teams to ensure they are workable. We have kept in the forefront of our minds that we want our schools to be welcoming and caring spaces for all our children.

I'm delighted to announce that we are **now in a position to begin a phased reopening** of Clifford Bridge, Hearsall, Stockingford, Walsgrave and Whittle Academies. We will following the plan outlined below to ensure a safe reintroduction for the following year-groups:

Tuesday 9th June – Year 6

Thursday 11th June – Year 1

Monday 15th June – Reception

Wednesday 17th June – Nursery

If you have already indicated you want your child to come back via Survey Monkey or spoken to a staff member you do not need to do anything else. If you have changed your mind about sending your child to school you need to contact your school office to let them know. We will be contacting parents of children in the above year-groups, who have indicated that they are sending their child back to school, to inform them of how and when you will need to drop your children off to school from next week. We will be contacting Year 6 parents on Friday 5th June; Year 1 parents on Tuesday 9th June; and Nursery & Reception parents on Wednesday 10th June.

Reminder: On Fridays, school will finish at the end of morning session (12:30 is the latest collection time) to enable a thorough deep clean of the site. Children who are entitled to a free school meal will be provided with one to take home. Key worker childcare provision will continue until 3:15pm each day, including Fridays.

As parents/carers, please make sure you are aware of others around you and that you maintain social distancing at all times. We suggest **only one parent brings and collects their child** each day. Please can you only use the school office if it is urgent and you can't have your query answered by phoning the usual school telephone number. If you need to collect your child from school because they are unwell, you should come onto the school site in these circumstances.

We are so excited about our children returning to school! We understand you may feel anxious about this during the first few days but want to reassure you that all the staff teams will do their utmost to look after your children.

Take care,



Rob Darling

Head of Education, Primary

Inspire Education Trust

Reopening Guidance

Please can you talk through the following with your child, in advance of their potential return to school to help this to be as safe and smooth transition as possible:

- **Hand-washing** - At school, children will be washing their hands frequently and thoroughly with running water and soap.
- **Social distancing on the school site** - Everyone on the school site will be very conscious about keeping a 2m social distance wherever possible – within classrooms, other rooms and buildings, corridors and outside. We will be putting up posters, marking the floor areas with tape and stickers and other visual reminders of this.
- **Classrooms** - Chairs, desks and other items in classrooms will be moved and adapted to enable social distancing wherever possible.
- **Equipment** - We'll be making sure that children don't share equipment with each other – including pencils, pens, books etc.
- **Playtimes/breaks** - It will be a change for children to not be playing in close contact with each other. We will talk to the children about this and ways to have creative playtimes/breaks that keep social distance. Children will have staggered lunches to support social distancing.
- **Lunches** - schools will make sure children are socially distanced at lunch times by children staying in their learning groups. Equipment for lunchtime will be carefully cleaned and children must not mix cutlery, or share/swap food.
- **Following instructions from school staff** - In order for everyone to stay safe, it is essential that all children carefully follow instructions from school staff on everything mentioned above and the way that our school will operate for the rest of this half term. We will also talk them through new routines and expectations when they return to school.

Families not intending to send their children back to school after reopening

We are aware that some families have said 'no' or 'don't know' regarding sending their children back to school. If you change your mind, and want to send your child into school when we are reopen, we would ask that you **give us at least one day's notice of this change of intention**. All school offices will be back open to take calls and bookings regarding this. This will help us plan for spaces and allow us to maintain social distancing standards.

Home Learning

We will continue to post weekly Home Learning projects via our school website, Class Dojo and our school Facebook pages. There will now be one project per year-group each week with two 'purple' core English and maths activities. We will link these resources to our in school provision for those who are attending school. We aim to continue to feedback on children's work postings onto Class Dojo but this may be slightly less frequent as we have a larger amount of school staff back in the building working with the children who are attending school.

School Uniform

We would prefer children to wear school uniform but understand that they may have grown slightly in the last 10 weeks away from school. Although we still intend to take the children outside for physical activity, we will not be getting children changed for PE, to minimise movement in the classroom. Instead we ask that children come to school in trainers so that they have appropriate footwear for outdoor activities. If they are unable to wear school uniform please could you ensure the children wear appropriate clothing and footwear to school. We ask that all footwear is suitable for outdoor play.

Website

We have added a new tab onto our school website entitled 'Reopening'. In this section, we have added the following documents to see the measures we have taken to prepare our site for reopening and some resources you can share with your children to reassure them as they return to school. Our resources include: school risk assessment (this is a live document which will be updated regularly over the coming weeks); map of school site showing drop off and pick up points; pictures of how classrooms will be reorganised to promote social distancing; and behaviour policy update.