

Monday 26th May

Dear parent/carer,

Re: Plan and Procedures for reopening school to full time Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

Further to the survey last week and the government's intention to ease children back into schools, please read this letter carefully as the ability to deliver this wider opening school plan requires your full support to ensure that we manage the risks as effectively as we possibly can.

The Senior Leadership Team has been preparing for the return and have carefully included all the government guidelines as well as Newham and union advice to ensure that we are meeting the expectations at a local level for Maryland.

Please see this guidance to help you answer some of your questions: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures>

This letter outlines the guidelines that parents must follow, including a timetable for the groups of children, their entry and exit times and locations, and the measures that the school has taken and the guidelines we request parents to follow so that we all remain safe.

1. **We will create 'safe bubbles' for small groups of children.** Each class has been **divided into two** by the class teachers, who know the children best. Your child will therefore either be in **group a or b**. For example Class 1a or Class 1b in different rooms. We will try to maintain **friendship groups**.
2. Small groups will stay with the **same teacher and support team**. We will not mix the 'bubbles'.
3. All pupils attending school must wear **clean summer uniform** everyday. We appreciate some children will have grown out of their uniform, so **school colours** will suffice e.g. blue or white T-shirt and grey or black trousers/shorts where possible - no jeans please.
4. Children will be doing a **specialty designed exercise programme** so they must bring in PE kit (for this, it can be **any coloured shorts and T-shirt** as we appreciate it may require frequent washing). PE kit can be brought in a rucksack or PE bag and will be stored away from the classroom.
5. **Do not send book bags** and pencil cases etc from home. The children will be given their **own personal equipment** in class which will be sterilised frequently. They will be taught not to put equipment in their mouth or share personal items.
6. **Free School lunch** will be provided for all children - a cold service with a variety of baguettes, rolls, wraps, sandwiches, with fruit, crackers, cake, Babybel cheese, ice-cream. Stringent hand hygiene will be in place before and after any food is eaten.
7. You may choose to send your own packed lunch but must advise the school office on the first day.
8. Very important - all children should try to bring a **bottle of water/flask** with their name on it. If this is not possible we will provide water from a cup that **only your child will use, and we will sterilise cups at the end of each day in the dishwasher**.
9. Children of critical workers have been attending for the past 5 weeks and we have used this group as a model on what needs to be risk assessed. We have taught them how to **find their personal space**, to find their **own play space** and all the **hygiene routines** needed to learn and play safely, yet maintaining friendships and socialised groups.
10. Children attending will be told who their new teacher is for **September 2020** towards the end of this term.

Year 6 - their final weeks...

11. When Year 6 children are admitted back to school, they must enter through the **Gurney Road entrance at 8.50am** and go to the class by themselves. A member of the senior leadership team will be at each entrance gate to guide children. They will not be allowed to play football etc before school.
12. We ask you to ensure that Y6 are aware to stay at a distance from each other at all times when **walking home alone**. We cannot take responsibility for pupils' behaviour outside the school gates, especially if they go by **public transport**.
13. Y6 will be doing a *Getting Ready for Secondary school* project. The curriculum will include music and French but no end of year trips or swimming.
14. Y6 will have a **mini-graduation in smaller groups**. So far we know that only half of the Y6 pupils will be returning.
15. They will be able to bring a memory book, T shirt for writing on and exchanging messages - organised to reduce contact.
16. They will have a chance to say goodbye to their teachers at Maryland, however their **induction into their new schools** will be done online, organised by the school they are going to.

17. We will not be accepting nearly-new/used uniform back this year, but we will need **locker keys** and **reading books**, including **Mental Maths 5 A Day** which you no longer need. Y6 will have the opportunity to take home their exercise books..

Arrival and Exit

It is important that you arrive **on time** and stand in the playground closest to your child's class at the beginning and end of school. Children must not play on the equipment while waiting for the doors to open. Pick up time during this period is 3.15pm for all.

1. **Full time nursery (30hours), Reception to come in through** Buxton Road Nursery gates 8.50 am on **Monday 8th June**.

2 **Y1 pupils** return on **Monday 8th June** at 8.50am at the Gurney Road side gates next to the caretaker's house.

3. **Year 6** pupils returning on **Monday 15th June** at 8.50am at the Buxton Road Playground gates.

If you have more than one child in the designated year groups (YR,Y1, Y6), you must bring all your children to the entrance point for the **youngest member of the family**.

Parents will not be permitted near the classroom doors or inside the Children's Centre building during this opening phase.

Any queries can be answered by email or a phone call to the office. There will be **markings and signage** to guide you where to stand and hand over your child. Parents and children must take responsibility for keeping at least 1 metre's distance from each other as recommended by the World Health Organisation.

*We are able to provide **after school care** through Wright Education. They will adhere to the government guidance that groups of children must remain with the same staff as far as possible to manage the risks more effectively. (07852137462 info@wrighteducationuk.com)*

Hygiene reminders

There will be a sanitiser station at the entrance gates to the school, with a member of the senior leadership team who will support all children to wash their hands before they enter the school.

Handwashing and sanitising will take place regularly throughout the day and before going home.

If your child is feeling ill or has a temperature or cough, you **must keep them at home** as well as any siblings who are also eligible to come to school.

Please let the school know immediately if your child is ill, as they may need to send the children in that 'bubble' home. **We have 8 first raiders on site.**

We have a list of pupils who will be returning to school. If you have decided not to send your child back at this stage, but change your mind **nearer the time, you will need to let the school know two days in advance** of your child returning as the staff have been allocated to the classes based on pupil attendance. Your **child must then attend daily**. You will **not face any penalties** if you choose to keep your children at home. If you have any questions for the staff managing these year groups, please email info@maryland.newham.sch.uk and ensure that the title of your email is **your child's name and class number**.

Children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable children - not in NSY YR,1 and 6

The school is still open for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers; They are expected back on **Monday 1st June** and must come in through Gurney Road side gate, near school office as 8.50 am as normal.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>.

We are now in a position to extend places to more children who fall into this category. Current Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in this group will join their class as part of the wider opening of the school .

Home Learning

We would also like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. Home learning will continue for children not in attendance.

Please continue to use Google Classroom to support your child's learning and to communicate with the teacher.

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iron guarantee that your child will be safe from the virus at school. 2. If you are worried, do not hesitate to call/email the school or the welfare assistants.

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Finally, don't worry about where your child is 'at' academically. We are teachers and it is our job to make sure that in September we endeavour to ensure that the children reach their potential, are happy and as healthy as can be. Many thanks

Mrs L. Jackson and team

Summer Uniform

Please see attached list of places where you may purchase Girls Gingham Dress/Pinafore

Shop	Prices
Aldi	Full uniform from £4.50
Asda	Dresses from £4
John Lewis	Dresses £9 - £12
Marks & Spencer	Dresses £9 - £12
Matalan	Dresses £6 - £7
Morrisons	Dresses £3.50 each
Next	Dresses £8.50 - £11.50
Sainsburys	Dresses from £5