



# Winterbourne Junior Girls' School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well.

First of all, thank you so much for everything you have been doing at home to keep your children safe and busy.

Following the Government's proposal for the wider opening of schools, I have been working with our senior leadership team and the school Governors to plan the measures that we can put in place to support our pupils coming back to school. You will have seen that the current proposal is that pupils in Year 6 begin to return after half term. I would like to emphasise that the **1<sup>st</sup> June is the earliest that this might happen** and it depends on further falls in the spread and impact of the virus, as well as discussions with national unions and associations.

I have no doubt that you have questions and mixed feelings about the idea of returning to school post-lockdown. Your daughter might be very excited to come back to school, or she might be feeling a bit nervous about it, or both. You may have complicated feelings about sending your child back to school. We completely understand.

Our intention is to bring the children back through a clearly laid out programme, including systems and procedures that meet the government's requirements to introduce new ways of working to minimise risk. We intend to reopen the school 4 days per week – from Monday to Thursday - for children in Year 6. We will be closed every Friday for deep cleaning and to allow teachers to prepare for the following week.

We will continue to offer the keyworker provision from Monday to Friday and will continue to provide online home learning resources for all year groups so that those unable to attend can continue working at home. We are working to allow siblings of pupils in year 6 to also be able to attend school but parents will be informed of this when we receive more guidance.

## **The following measures will be put in place:**

- All areas have been thoroughly cleaned and are cleaned several times per day. A further deep clean will take place over half term. Once we are open, the school will continue to be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day, with a deep clean happening at least once a week.
- I will not be putting 15 children in one class as the government suggested because we would not be able to safely socially distance our children in class. We have reorganised classrooms to allow ample space for social distancing. There are

between 8-10 pupil desks in each classroom, so each child will have their own space with sufficient area around it.

- Break and lunch times will be staggered and the playground will be divided into zones, with restrictions on free flow play and interaction.
- The girls will be reminded to wash their hands regularly, and use the hand sanitiser stations installed in corridor areas.
- Staff will have access to PPE if they require it.
- We ask the girls to bring in their own hand sanitisers and tissues as they did before the Lockdown.
- The girls will be expected to wear face coverings to and from school.
- Each child will have a temperature check each day prior to entering the building. If a child's temperature is 37.8 or above they will be sent home for everyone's safety.
- To help protect children, staff and all members of our school community, we have implemented a one-way system around the school both inside and outside the building.
- For your safety and ours, we prefer to deal with office queries via email or telephone. The reception area will be open to one person (family group) at a time.

### **Timings**

- Year 6 children will be in school from 9.15am until 3.15pm
- Key worker children will be in school from 8.45am until 3.25pm

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide breakfast or afterschool clubs at this time.

We will endeavour to contact parents and carers of year 6 pupils from Wednesday of this week, in order to gauge numbers likely to return from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

I hope this information will aid you in your decision to send your daughter back to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. Berkeley-Agyepong

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