



Tudor Grange Primary Academy, St James

28th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware we issued a consultation document to all parents on Friday 22nd May to support you in making an informed decision regarding whether families wished to send their child(ren) back to school from 8th June 2020. As part of that we issued a letter containing the link to an online survey and a FAQ document addressing many questions we felt you would have.

The consultation survey closes at 12.00pm on Monday 1st June. So far less than a third of the families who attend TGPASJ have responded to the survey and I would strongly encourage all families, even those who have children currently attending the small school provision, or those who do not intend to send their child back to school to complete the survey if they have not done so already. We may not be able to offer your child a place, if you do not respond to the survey, even your child(ren) is eligible. Please read the documents (issued previously) with care as they do contain a lot of information which may inform your decision.

There have been some common questions that have arisen from those who have already completed the survey and I am able to offer answers to them below:

- **Will my child be in a group with their friends?**

We will not allocate groups based on friendships, but our ambition is that all groups will consist of pupils and staff with which your child is at least familiar. We appreciate that it will be difficult for pupils to return to the school, as it will look and feel very different, and they have missed their friends and teachers enormously. However one of our primary foci will be to support the emotional wellbeing of all of our pupils at this very difficult time. The Trust has worked together to create a materials to support those children who are feeling worried or frightened, and develop nurturing relationships between pupils and their group staff.

Once we have a clear understanding of who will be attending we will be issuing further support materials to show your child(ren) what school will look like, and what to expect. We will also be able to be clearer about group drop-off and collection times.



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- **Will there be any consequences should I choose not to send my child back to school?**

This is answered in the Parental Consultation Framework – please see ‘*Will I be fined for not bringing my child to school?*’

- **Will children be doing full days or staggered half days?**

Please see the section in the FAQs entitled ‘*What time will my child have to be in and for how long? Will my child come in every day?*’ Our ambition is to offer full time places for as many pupils as possible.

Unfortunately at this time we will only be able to offer a 15 hour morning or afternoon place to Nursery age pupils only who are not the children of Key Workers.

- **Does my child need to wear uniform? I am struggling with the fact my child has grown out of their uniform.**

In addition to the information contained within the FAQ sheet under ‘*Would my child have to wear uniform?*’, if you do not have any school shorts / dresses etc that fit then as similar an alternative as possible is, of course, acceptable.

- **How will you ensure that the children are socially distancing?**

The guidance issued by the Department for Education states that where settings can keep children in small groups 2m apart they should do so, but that changing habits, cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus. There are more details about this in the FAQs section entitled ‘*Will the site look different?*’ and ‘*What hygiene procedures will be in place?*’ PPE will only be worn by staff when they cannot avoid having close contact with pupils, for example to administer first aid.

- **Will the temperature of staff and children be taken upon entry to school?**

There are no plans for this to take place, and we have not been advised to consider this at this time.





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- **If I am a key worker and my child attends school, will they stay only with the children of other key workers, or will they be able to go into their own year group (if they are on site)?**

Our ambition is to put all pupils into a group with their peers whenever possible, even if their parent is a keyworker. If there are no other pupils of that year group on site they will remain in the key worker group with peers from their own key stage.

- **Will my child be able to access books and other reading material at school?**

Yes. We have procedures in place for offering reading material to all pupils attending school. There will be strict quarantine procedures when choosing and returning books. Unfortunately no books may be removed from, or brought onto, site. Books will not be shared between pupils and there will be no access to the library or reading corners in classrooms.

- **Will the classrooms look very different?**

Yes. However, we plan to issue visual guidance to all pupils attending from 8th June to show them clearly what their classrooms will look like before they return. Further information can also be found in the FAQs under '*Will the site look different?*' and '*What hygiene procedures will be in place?*'.

- **Will before and after school care be running?**

Please see 'Will there be wraparound care?' in the FAQs.

- **Can I drop and collect my child outside of the agreed times?**

Unfortunately no. Children will only be allowed to be dropped at school within their agreed time slot as groups need to arrive at separate times of day to remain apart. Pupils who are late will not be allowed to enter school that day.

Early collection is strongly discouraged as it presents the same problem, but will be considered on a case by case basis, as it has throughout the duration of small school provision.





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Please find below the link to the survey which was previously sent out:-

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IUVmEPIfGE2U9SfICX2T_ame_mjcl92RLr1z-AXHAtiVUQko3UjYyRExXVDdZV0FWSjRWQ0tGREc4My4u

We would strongly encourage all families to respond to this survey, even if you are currently using the small school provision, or do not intend to send your child back to school at this time.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to receiving your completed survey by 1st June.

Yours faithfully

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