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Bubbles and Teaching Groups from September

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Dear Parents

We have been 'full-steam ahead' in the leadership office this week finalising our plans to welcome all pupils back to school from September, following the Government announcement to reopen schools fully last week.

The planned class and teaching structure for 20-21 will not be implemented immediately from September. To accommodate the requirements of the government's **Guidance for the Full Opening of Schools**, there will be a temporary operating structure in place until restrictions on schools are completely lifted. This will enable us to keep **learning and teaching flexibility at an optimum whilst minimising the risk of infection and transmission for everyone on the school site.**

Pupils will be grouped into 'bubbles'. Pupils in each bubble **will not mix** with any pupils in any other bubbles during the school day. Within each bubble, pupils will be taught in **smaller teaching groups**, so we can effectively meet the learning needs of the children through rigorous assessment and planning.

Please see the Bubble and Group Structure below:

| Bubble | Group | Support Staff |
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| Early Years Bubble | Nursery -Mrs Young | Miss O Tidmarsh |
| | Rec -Mrs Rochfort | Mr B Hemmings |
| | Rec -Miss Bracey | |
| Key Stage 1 Bubble | Y1-Mrs Dodds | Mrs J Wilson |
| | Y1-Miss Milligan | Miss N Kitchen |
| | Y2-Mrs Greenway | Mr J Jordan |
| Year 3 Bubble | Miss Denton | Mrs E Chetwynd |
| | Mrs Smart/Mrs Williams | Mrs J Bell Mrs M Turner |
| Year 4 Bubble | Miss Batchelor | Mrs E Chetwynd |
| | Mrs Hughes | Mrs J Bell |
| Year 5 Bubble | Miss Parsons | Mrs D Norton |
| | Mr Murphy | Miss M Ansell |

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| Year 6 Bubble | Miss Ford | Mrs D Norton |
| | Mrs Brelsforth | Miss M Ansell |
| Outdoor Learning & Forest School | Mrs Hambly | Mrs Bell |

You will be sent a text shortly with your child's group designation. **Please note that the bubble and group your child has been placed into has formed part of a complex risk assessment and is non-negotiable.**

Changing year groups and teachers is a normal part of the school experience which we plan for very carefully- **this year more than ever.** Staff have been communicating closely and sharing information on all aspects of learning and pastoral matters for each child to prepare for this.

Upon our return to school there will be a specific focus on relationships and well-being education through a **recovery curriculum.** We are committed to ensuring that your children's **reintegration into school is happy and successful;** they will be given daily opportunities to explore their feelings and voice their opinions about the past few months. We will help them to overcome any fears, confusion or concerns they may have, so they can focus on the future with **confidence and enthusiasm. We will re-establish the firm foundations on which your children's learning and progress will flourish.**

Our curriculum offer will continue to be **broad and balanced,** with a specific focus on reading and the development of vocabulary embedded across the curriculum to support the building of powerful knowledge. We know pupils have missed a significant amount of learning time this year and we will ensure any **gaps are assessed and identified** accurately and quickly so that teachers can accelerate learning and get pupils back on track as soon as possible.

Our school improvement plan for 20-21 will focus initially on this.

Other Staffing news:

We will be saying goodbye and good luck to **Miss Lakin** at the end of term as she moves on to a new teaching role closer to her home. Thank you Miss Lakin for your service to the school, we will miss you!

Mrs Darby will be taking maternity leave from September as she eagerly awaits her new arrival! Mrs Rochfort will be covering the class for the duration of the maternity leave.

Mrs Bishop will be returning from maternity leave during the Autumn Term. Mrs Brelsforth and Mr Murphy will be covering from September until she returns.

A very warm welcome to **Miss Parsons** who will be joining the Two Gates teaching team as a newly Qualified Teacher.

Richard Gill, CEO of the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership will be writing to parents early next week to outline the Trust's priorities. Following this I will send you detailed information about our bespoke opening plan for September so you and your children feel fully prepared and confident for a most welcome return to school at Two Gates.

If, following this you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Nêst Llewelyn-Cook
Headteacher



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