



Highfield Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May the Prime Minister announced that he wanted primary schools to open to more children from the 1<sup>st</sup> June at the earliest. Since that date we have been working on plans in order to achieve this and I am now in a position to share this with you. The most important consideration has to be the health and safety of your children and my staff so we are obviously going to take every step we can to minimise the risk. The government has stated that early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from others. We will, therefore, work through the hierarchy of measures set out in implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings:

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
- regular cleaning of settings
- minimising contact and mixing

In order to achieve this we have split **Reception, Year 1 and Year 6** into groups of no more than 15 children, taught by 2 adults. The pupils will remain within this 'bubble' and will not mix with other groups during the time they are in school, with staggered drop off and pick up times and specific entrances. Children will also have staggered break and lunchtimes on different playgrounds and will eat their lunch in their classroom (with the exception of reception pupils, who will eat in the hall). Children will be expected to wash their hands regularly, and we will clean surfaces in classrooms throughout the day. School staff can already be tested for the virus but from 1 June this will be extended to cover children and their families if any of them develop symptoms. Track-and-trace methods will then be used to prevent the virus from spreading.

The reason the government have chosen these year groups is because the first years of school are pivotal for children to develop social and behavioural skills and to learn the basics that are going to have a huge bearing on how well they do in their life. Year 6 need to bring their time at Highfield to a close whilst preparing for their move to secondary. There will be formal learning going on in these classrooms with the focus being on English and maths in the mornings. During the afternoons the children will do more creative subjects. Learning in reception will still be play based. All pupils will have one half day session of Forest school each week which will provide them the opportunity to be outdoors and to give the teachers some planning and preparation time. Miss Croft and Mr Bear will lead these sessions but the TA in the class will support the children.

I know a lot of you may be worried about sending your children to school. Every one of us wants the very best for our children and I know how stressful this time has been for many families. I want to reassure you that our approach is based on the best scientific advice, with children at the very heart of everything we do. You may choose to keep your children at home and there will be no financial penalties if you do so, although your child may miss out on education and time with their friends. The evidence from other countries that have reopened schools is that there have been no big outbreaks. It is thought that children are "less capable" of spreading the virus, and are at "very low risk" of getting ill from the disease. However, we cannot eliminate risk completely and as a parent you have to make



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the final decision as to whether you want your child to return. Children who are considered, or who live with someone who is [extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding](#) should continue to shield and are not be expected to attend.

### Arrangements

Class room	Staff	Drop off and pick up	Break and Lunch	Play ground	Forest school	Children
Ash Reception	Mrs Smethurst Miss Giles	9 – 3:30 Annex	- 12:30 – 1:15	Rec	Thurs am	Brandon, Brogan, Omar, Fatima, Isabella C, Alexander, Alfie, Abdulbasit, Brady, Abdur-Raheem, Kalisha, Muhammed-Hadee, Lily-Mai, Daro, Ruby W
Elm Reception	Mrs Baddley Mr Boyle	8:30 – 3 Annex	- 11:45 – 12:30	Rec	Thurs pm	Alice, Damson, Jacob Cat, Mya Jacob B, Sama, Mohammed Usman, Daisy, Abdul Khawar, Tolu, Eddie, Toby, Ruby I, Bella Amelia
Hazel Reception and Y1	Mrs Townson Mrs Hiller	9 - 3:30 Hazel	10:30 – 10:45 12:30 – 1:15	KS1	Wed am	Ada, Noah, Rayyan, Unaysah, Zhyar, Poppy, Alayah, Kayla Ayeza, Aleeza, Sofia, Theo S, India
Beech Year 1	Mrs Hackett/Mrs Gillett Miss Smith	8:30 – 3 KS1 play	10 – 10:15 11:45 – 12:30	KS1	Wed pm	Kareem, Casie, Theo B, Jacob Cart, Ruby D, Nola, Mason F, Katie, Teisha, Isabella M, Ellie-Mai, Mohammed, Casey, Scarlet S, Dylan W
Maple	Miss Godfrey Mrs Khansaheb	8:15 – 3:30	10 – 10:15 11:45 – 12:30	Garde n	Mon am	Year 2 and 3 Key worker children
Pine	Miss Farrar Miss Harrod	8:15 – 3:30	10 – 10:15 11:45 – 12:30	Garde n	Mon am	Year 4 and 5 key worker children
Rowan Year 6	Miss Morrissey Mrs Bainbridge	9 – 3:30 Garden dr	10:30 – 10:45 12:30 – 1:15	KS2	Tues am	Thomas, Alex, Lewis, Sienna, Waleed, Madeline, Blaise, Regan Adam Hanif, Damien, Kiera, Morgan
Sycamore Year 6	Mrs McLoughlin Miss Duffy	8:45 – 3:15 KS2 steps	10:15 – 10:30 12:30 – 1:15	Garde n	Mon pm	Zara, Josh Fuller, Josh Scott, Corey, Lau, Dylan, Victoria, Brookyn, Blake
Willow Year 6	Mrs Keating Mrs Critchley	8:30 - 3 Garden dr	10 – 10:15 11:45 -12:30	KS2	Tues pm	Adam Grime, Maida, , Connor, Eliane, Tigen, Nicole, Sumaira, Scarlet, Rodrigo, Ethan, Sophie, Abbas



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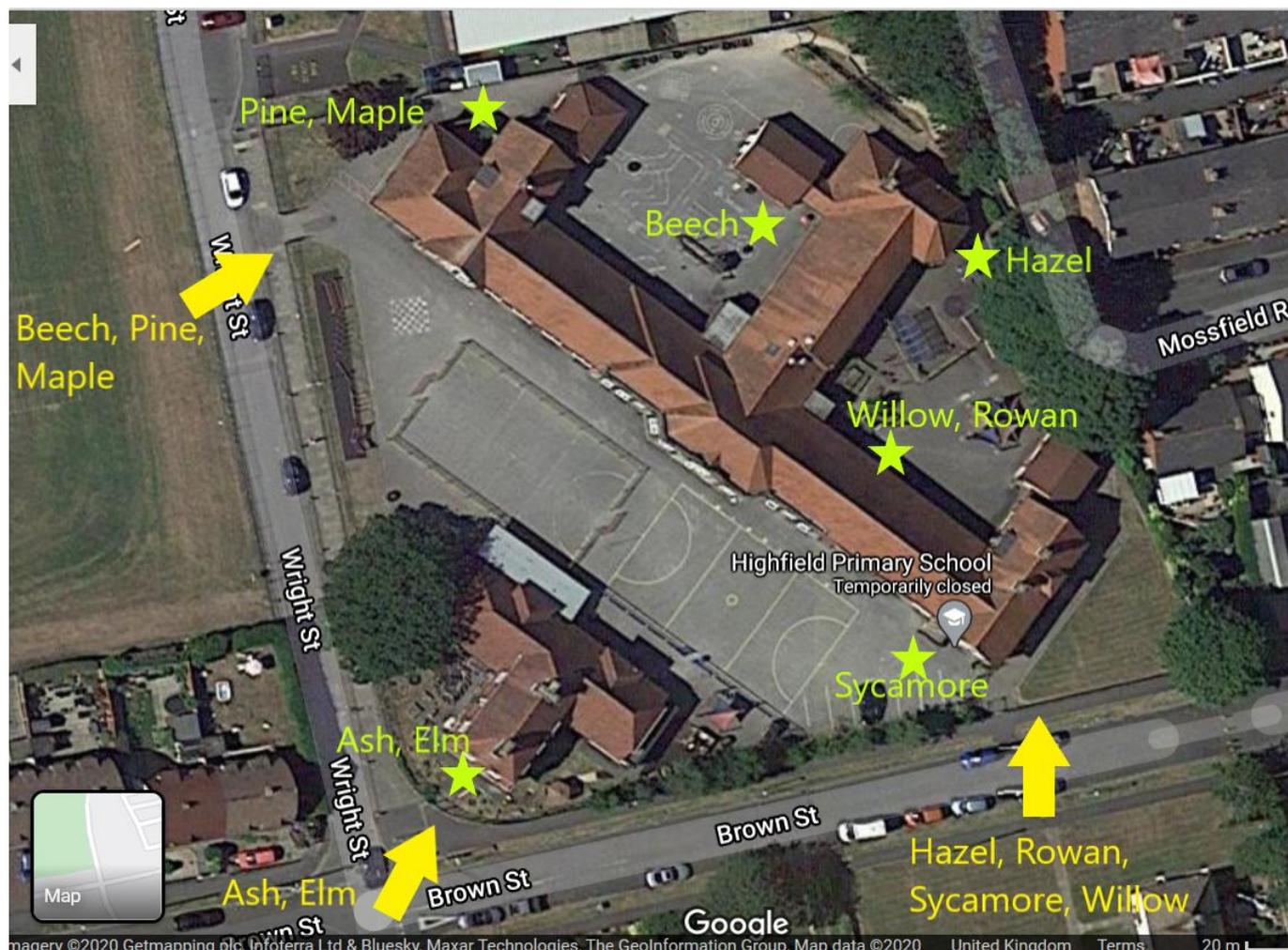
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We have allocated a place for every child in the relevant year groups even if you have told us that you do not intend your child to return. We have done this as it gives you the opportunity to change your mind. Please contact school if this is the case so we know your child is going to attend.



The yellow arrows represent gates, the green stars are doors. Hazel, Rowan, Sycamore and Willow pupils and parents should enter the school grounds from the gate on Brown Street, Ash and Elm the gate behind the annex on the corner of Wright Street and Brown Street and Pine and Maple from the gate on Wright Street. Please leave from the same gate.



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### **What we expect from you**

- Please ensure that you drop off and collect your child at the time allocated. Leave the school site immediately having dropped off your child.
- Please use the given gate and door when dropping off and collecting your child
- Only one parent should come to school
- Please let us know if anyone in your household has any symptoms of covid-19 (high temperature, cough or loss of taste or smell)
- Do not enter the school building without an appointment. If you need to speak to a member of staff please telephone or email.
- Please maintain social distancing when you are around the school site.
- Please ensure your child has clean clothes on each day. Children should wear uniform. Please speak to us if this is a problem.
- Children should have a shower or bath after school each day.
- We would prefer children to have a school dinner (Free for Reception and Y1 and £2.30 for Y6). If your child is having a packed lunch this should be brought in disposable packaging that can be thrown away.
- Children should not bring any resources from home (eg pencil cases, water bottles etc)

We will continue to provide places for children of key workers and vulnerable pupils. Please continue to let us know days that you require this provision. If your child is in Y2,3,4 or 5 work will continue to be provided online using Purple Mash and Active learn platforms.

If you are not clear about anything please feel free to ring school.

Regards

Mr Proctor and all the team at Highfield



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