



Telford Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

SCHOOL PHASED REOPENING – FURTHER UPDATE

We hope that all our Telford Infant families are keeping safe and well.

1. Children of Keyworkers

Thank you to those parents who have confirmed that they wish to accept a keyworker place for their child in school. This has given us a clear indication of the number of children we need to cater for over the next 4 weeks. The numbers have increased significantly and from Monday 22nd June we will be opening our third Keyworker Class. We have increased this provision as providing school places for vulnerable children and those of keyworkers, as defined under the government guidance, remains the government's priority. Parents of keyworker children have been contacted by Ms Roberts to confirm their place.

2. Reception

Arrangements for children attending our Reception bubbles continue to operate smoothly and it is lovely to hear laughter and learning back in the Reception classrooms. It is anticipated that this provision will continue until close of day Tuesday 14th July. This means that for children in the Thursday/Friday bubble their last day will be Friday 10th July, and for children in the Monday/Tuesday bubble their last day will be Tuesday 14th July. This has given each Reception bubble 12 days in school (over 6 weeks).

3. Year 1

Now that we are confident that the Keyworker and Reception bubbles are operating smoothly and that we can adhere to our School Reopening Risk Assessment with increased numbers of children in school we are in a position to offer provision to Year 1 children whose parents would like them to access school before the summer holiday.

For a range of different reasons this has been an extremely challenging task but we have been determined to develop a plan that will allow this to happen. The model the school is able to offer Year 1 children is not what we would have chosen it to look like but this is the only offer now available that complies with government guidance, the School reopening Risk Assessment and the further reduced numbers of staff members we have available for work. The other option would be to tell Year 1 children they cannot return at all this term and this was something we were not prepared to do if we were in a position to provide something for them.

In summary the school can make the following offer to Year 1 families:

- Each Year 1 class will be divided into two, with one half attending our new Year 1A Bubble (children numbers 1 to 15 on the register) and the other our new Year 1B Bubble.
- With the staff we have available we cannot operate full days so the children are invited to attend mornings only. This will be for 4 mornings, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, during one week that has been allocated to their class. See the table below for details of which week each class has been allocated.
- Year 1A Bubble will be taught by Miss Orton.
- Year 1B Bubble will be taught by Mrs Penton on Mondays and Tuesdays and by Mrs Green on Thursdays and Fridays.
- Wednesdays have been set aside to allow the teachers time to meet with the available teaching assistants and to plan and coordinate virtual home learning.
- Drop off and collection times will be staggered. To ease congestion the access to school at drop off will be at the Year 3 and 4 playground gates and access at collection time will be through the main pedestrian gate. Parents will receive further details on their child's Tapestry account, including video footage. Access points and times have been staggered to enable social distancing on the school:
9.00am to 11.30am
9.10am to 11.40am
9.20am to 11.50am
- We have worked with our onsite kitchen team to offer a cold packed lunch for children to take away, should you wish to take this up.
- Due to GDPR we cannot publish lists of children, but parents who indicate they wish their child to return (see google form information below) will be notified of which bubble their child will be in on Tapestry by close of day on Wednesday 24th June at the latest.
- If you indicate that you do not wish your child to attend but later change your mind please email the office so that we can advise you of your child's allocated bubble. We regret that due to the enormity of the numbers involved and to comply with our Risk Assessment we cannot accommodate individual requests for bubbles.
- Children will not mix between any other bubbles (class groups) in school. The teachers will remain constant so should there be an outbreak of COVID-19 in any of the 3 bubbles they are teaching we would contact parents of all children who have attended their Bubble who would be expected to self-isolate.
- The teachers will continue to provide Home Learning on Tapestry for our Year 1 children.
- **Please note that under government guidance should we need to open a further class for keyworker children we may have to close one or more of these new year 1 bubbles.** As we do have a small number of spaces in one of our Keyworker Classes and as parents were asked to indicate by Monday this week whether they might need a keyworker place we sincerely hope that this will not happen.

Week commencing	Class	Monday morning	Tuesday morning	Wednesday	Thursday morning	Friday morning
Monday 29 th June	Amber Class children	Year 1A Bubble (1-15 on the register)	Year 1A Bubble (1-15 on the register)		Year 1A Bubble (1-15 on the register)	Year 1A Bubble (1-15 on the register)
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Monday 6 th July	Primrose Class children	Year 1A Bubble (1-15 on the register)	Year 1A Bubble (1-15 on the register)		Year 1A Bubble (1-15 on the register)	Year 1A Bubble (1-15 on the register)
		Year 1B Bubble (16-30 on the register)	Year 1B Bubble (16-30 on the register)		Year 1B Bubble (16-30 on the register)	Year 1B Bubble (16-30 on the register)
Monday 13 th July	Sunshine Class children	Year 1A Bubble (1-15 on the register)	Year 1A Bubble (1-15 on the register)		Year 1A Bubble (1-15 on the register)	Year 1A Bubble (1-15 on the register)
		Year 1B Bubble (16-30 on the register)	Year 1B Bubble (16-30 on the register)		Year 1B Bubble (16-30 on the register)	Year 1B Bubble (16-30 on the register)

Now that you have an overview of how the plan will operate it would be very helpful if year 1 parents could complete the google form attached to today's correspondence so that we know how many Year 1 children will be returning. Should you decide that your child will not be returning but then change your mind please do not be concerned as a place will be held open for them in their nominated class bubble during the week that their class has been offered provision. Equally, if you indicate now that your child is returning but you decide at a later date to withdraw them that is fine too but we do ask that parents do not regularly change this. Please note your child will only be able to attend for the mornings they have been offered in their specific class bubble.

Year 1 parents - please return the google form you will receive today by 9am on Monday 22nd June. If you have already accepted a Keyworker place you do not need to complete this form. A further letter will follow from the Year 1 team with specific information and we look forward to welcoming back the Year 1 children whose families feel that it is right for them to return. No families will be fined, penalised or criticised for keeping their children at home at this time. Furthermore, we understand that there will be families who will not send their children back due to underlying health conditions.

4. Children currently not attending school

The school will shortly be operating at full capacity prioritising provision based on government guidance. As mentioned in previous correspondences we are extremely disappointed that we cannot reopen to our Year 2 children. Legal advice from Warwickshire County Council is that 'children who fall into the 'vulnerable' and 'keyworker' categories (as defined under the government guidance) plus those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 should be in school full time before consideration is given to broadening provision to other year groups.'

As an Infant school we have proportionately more children to cater for than a Junior or Primary school and very much hope that parents appreciate that being unable to welcome Year 2 children back this term is beyond the school's control.

All our Telford Infant children continue to be in our minds and very much part of our school community whether they are physically in school or not.

Please continue to use Tapestry to access the learning that the teachers have provided and please do share your child's learning and achievements on this platform, we love to see what they have been getting up to.

Although we are currently not permitted to allow visitors into school, the school office is manned between 8am and 4pm daily so please do phone or email the school regarding any queries you may have.

Year 2 - remember to keep an eye on Telford Junior School's website for details of transition arrangements for Year 2:

<https://www.telfordjuniorschool.com/welcome-to-year-3-information-for-year-2-children/>

5. Summer and September

The school is still awaiting confirmation from the Department for Education as to the expectations on schools going forward. We have already started to explore various scenarios around this but cannot make any plans until the school receives further instruction and we are also taking into account the fact that over the summer period the local authority are undertaking long awaited major maintenance work in the school building. We remain hopeful that September may bring the opportunity for a normal start to the school year but currently know no more than yourselves.

Take care of yourselves and of each other and thank you for all your support during this very difficult time for the school as well as for yourselves.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs SA Oustayiannis
Headteacher

Mrs Sarah Boad
Chair of Governors

