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Thursday 25th June 2020

Expanding provision to Y3-Y5 from Monday 6th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, I hope all is well with you and yours. As a DfE designated priority group, it has been great welcoming back nearly all of Y6 this week as we near the end of their time at OPJS. I'm pleased that they'll be with us next week for four days too which will give them time to complete the curriculum. Thank you for your support in this.

Looking ahead, it is important that we try and get as many children back to school before the end of the term on Friday 17th July. Although this is contrary to DfE advice, I feel, as does our School Governing Body, that we should welcome back Years 3-5 before the Summer. To that end, I am writing to let you know how it will all work when your child returns for two days per week (Monday and Tuesday **or** Wednesday and Thursday) from Monday 6th July.

What will be different?

- Every Y3-Y5 class has been split into two pods of no greater than 15 pupils/half the class.
- Year 6 will continue as their original pod and will revert back to the two days they were doing previously.
- Each pod will attend on a Monday and Tuesday **or** Wednesday and Thursday, resulting in two days per week for your child.
- The days that your child will be attending is on the email sent by Steve.
- There will be no mixing of 'pods' throughout the day or across the week.
- Each pod will have a separate break and lunch time on a designated area of the playground or field.
- We will be minimising the use of shared spaces and resources.
- Pupils will have their own resource pack provided by school.
- There will be staggered drop off/pick up/break/lunch times – to maintain social distancing.
- There will be increased cleaning throughout the day.
- Each pod will have a designated toilet.

How will it look?

- Each pod will be based in their current classroom. An example of how the classrooms have been set up is opposite.
- Each pod will have their own class teacher(s).
- There will still be a Keyworker pod for children who need access to school for more than the two days per week. This will





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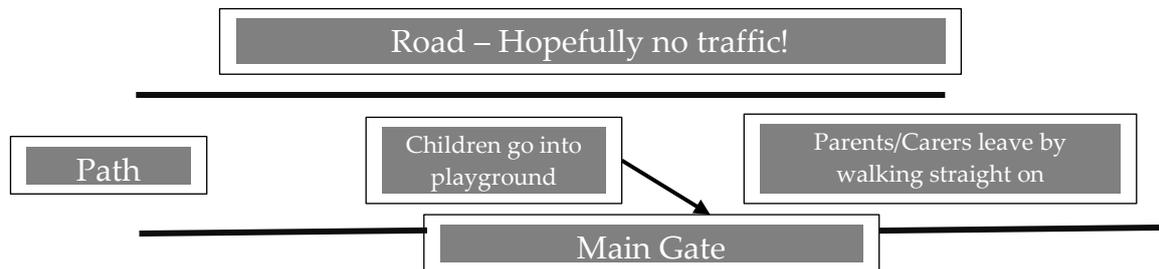
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be led by Mr Reilly and Mrs Warren and based in the Hub/Play Centre.

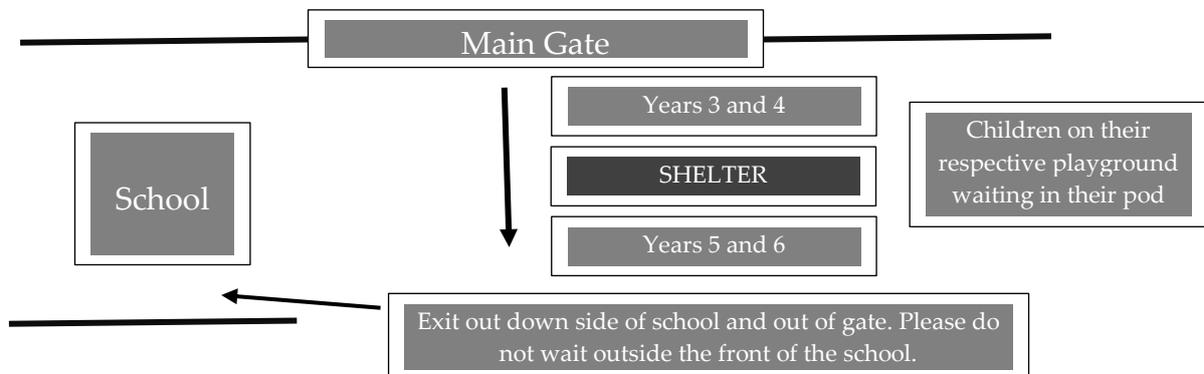
Drop off and Pick Up

A few points:

- Children **must** be accompanied and collected from school by one adult.
- We would like children to walk to school with their parent/carer as much as possible so as to avoid any parking issues.
- With regards to parking, we would appreciate if you intend to travel to school by car then please park away from the school and Church.
- There will be a School Crossing Patrol. Yay Tina!
- **Drop Off** – Children will enter through the main gate, no parents/carers will be allowed onto the playground. Please queue outside of the main gate and observe social distancing. It's a case of simply walking up the path and dropping child at gate then walking onwards. Apologies for the diagram below!



- **Pick Up** – Parent/Carer entrance is through the main gate onto playground. Collect your child and leave via the top gate (the side gate at the top of the school near the office).





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Drop off and Pick Up Times

Find below the drop off and pick up times. The chances are that one or two of you may have a clash of timings as you may have a child at OPIS. This is fine and not an issue as we will keep your child until they can be collected. Do please let either the School Office or your child's teacher know if this applies to you.

Group	Drop Off	Pick Up
Y3 and Y5	8.40am-8.50am	3pm-3.10pm
Y4 and Y6	8.50am-9am	3.10pm-3.20pm
KW Pod:	9am-9.10am	3.20pm-3.30pm

What will it look like? A reminder of a few things 😊

- **Uniform** – Flexible as children can wear their own clothes as long as they're suitable and, moreover, washed and clean on every day. No PE kit will be required as we will not be allowing the children to change so it is important that clothing is appropriate. Aspects of uniform can be worn by the way. Trainers please and no flip flops.
- Given the above, children will be **outside** as often as possible.
- **No pencil cases** allowed as children will be provided their own bag of resources.
- **Packed lunches only** – free school meal children will need to use the food provided from the weekly food bags.
- Children will eat in their pod in their classroom or outside if possible in a socially distant way!
- Children will need to bring in their **own water bottle**. The water fountains have been switched off. However, we will provide an opportunity for children to refill their bottles at set points throughout the day.
- Allocated zones on the playground/field per pod.
- Allocated toilets per pod.
- Increased handwashing throughout the day.
- Extensive Health and Safety/Risk Assessment in place.
- Increased cleaning throughout the day.
- Social distancing will be in place and we would appreciate if you discuss and explain what this means so as to prepare them for when they come back.
- Although the guidance has changed, we will try as much as possible to enforce social distancing at 2m. However, this may not be possible at all times.

What happens for the other three days of the week?

First and foremost can I thank you once again for all of your hard work in supporting your child's home learning since March. As a parent myself, it hasn't been easy juggling the demands of school





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and working that's for sure so I 'doff my cap' and say thank you and well done! Needless to say, there will be work set on the relevant year group section of our website for the other three days to complement what they will be covering during the two days your child is with us.

And finally...

I know that there's an awful lot of information to take in and thank you for your patience in reading my letter! However, I hope that it meets you well and you are reassured that we, as a staff and school, have minimised the risk and will ensure that your child has a positive return to OPJS! On that, do have a look on our website and the 'OPJS Through the Keyhole' video to see how OPJS has changed:

<https://youtu.be/zu1hZESV1UE>

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries regarding anything of the above or anything else for that matter.

Kind regards,
Mr Dave Goucher
Headteacher.