5th June 2020

**Wider School Opening for Sigglesthorne Church of England Primary Academy.**

***‘A Warm Welcome to our EYFS children’***

Dear Parents and Carers of our EYFS children,

The trustees of Ebor Academy Trust met yesterday and have approved our wider opening risk assessment, which means that we are now in a position to offer your child a place at Sigglesthorne Church of England Primary Academy from the week commencing 8th June 2020. This is great news and we are all looking forward to seeing more of our children back at school.

Your child will be eligible for a place on Monday and Tuesday from 9:15am till 2:45pm. We would love for your child to attend both days. However, if this is not possible, please inform Mrs Wrightson or Mrs Loney of when your child will be attending.

Please find below information regarding how the group will run so you can discuss these with your child and alleviate any worries or concerns.

During their time in school, the children will remain as part of a small group (described as a ‘bubble’). The children will not come into contact with any other bubble throughout the school day and will have designated staff who remain with them each week. This reduces the risk of contact with other children and adults. The EYFS bubble will be under the direct supervision of Mrs Wrightson and Mrs Loney. Children will remain with their bubble at lunchtime and break times and will be supervised by the same lunchtime supervisor every day.

**Start and End Times/Parent Drop Offs**

We ask that only **one** parent or carer brings and collects their child/ren from school each day. A one-way system for parents will be in place. When dropping your child off at school, please maintain social distancing to other adults and staff at all times.

The **one way system** starts from the original entry to school via the small gate and continues passed the outside of the year one/two classroom into the car park and back out of the main gate.

To avoid queues, the staff will be unable to have long discussions with parents at the start or end of the day. However, the staff will ask you for a brief update on how your child is feeling so that we can continue to update the Pre-Admissions form that you filled in, on a daily basis.

As we have another bubble attending school, we have purposely staggered start and end times so that we have minimised parents from different bubbles meeting on the school grounds. Please ensure that you adhere to the start time 9:15am and the end time 2:45pm so we can keep everyone as safe as possible. If you are late for any reason, please ensure that you are practising safe distancing.

If you need to pass any information to a member of staff, please call or use Tapestry and someone from school will get back to you as soon as possible. If you have a letter or any paperwork to hand in, there will be a box to place it in. Please be mindful that the correspondence will not be opened for 72 hours which is in line with Government guidance.

**Hygiene**

A very important aspect of keeping the children safe, is encouraging them to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. The teachers will teach the children about the safest way to wash hands on the first day. If your child would like to bring some moisturiser to school to use after they have washed their hands, please ensure that it is named.

**Clothing**

Children are to wear comfortable trousers or shorts [not jeans please] and a school jumper and t-shirt. Summer dresses and other school uniform can also be worn, if preferred. Please ensure your child wears either flat shoes or trainers. Some of the school day will be spent outside and sandals will not be suitable. Please apply sunscreen before your child comes to school.

We ask that you provide a change of clothes for your child in a named bag which will remain at school (unless the clothes need to be used and sent home to be replaced) Government guidance recommends that your child should wear clean clothes every day and that clothes should be washed at 60 degrees.

**Curriculum**

The children will be completing tasks and activities from different subjects in the curriculum. We appreciate that the children have not been in school for many weeks and lots of activities to promote children’s emotional wellbeing will be planned to provide support. Although the organisation of the classroom may be slightly different to what they are used to (this supports social distancing wherever possible) children’s wellbeing and ensuring an enjoyable school experience remains paramount to us.Ideally, the weather will continue to be pleasant and the children can also carry out some learning activities outdoors.

We know that your children love to take home artwork and other pieces of work that they are proud of. However, work will not be sent home until Tuesday. Please ensure that you wash your hands after touching the art work. The toys and equipment that your child will be using in school have been carefully chosen so that we can maintain a high level of hygiene through rigorous monitoring and cleaning. Please do not allow your child to bring any toys in from home during this period. Thank-you for your understanding in this matter.

Mrs Wrightson and Mrs Loney will continue to provide fantastic online learning tasks each day. I have been in awe how they and other teachers in the school have found such varied and fun activities week after week! I hope as parents, you have found the online learning useful and supportive during this difficult time.

**Lunch**

Lunch will consist of packed lunches as there is no hot meal facility available.If your child is eligible for universal free school meals, we are able to offer a packed lunch each day. Please could you indicate whether you need this service when you book in for the following week. Likewise, if your child will **always** require this service, please let Admin   **admin.sig@ebor.academy** or EYFS staff know.

It is **essential** that all children bring a water bottle to school, which can be refilled if necessary.

**Toilets**

The toilets and sinks will be cleaned frequently throughout the school day.  Likewise, surfaces and equipment that children have touched will also be subject to a rigorous cleaning routine.

**Behaviour Policy**

We have reviewed our behaviour policy in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The traffic light system will continue to be used in the classroom. As usual, our behavioural expectations will be positively reinforced with a clear team ethos. If a child intentionally hurts another through physical contact and therefore significantly breaches social distancing, a phone call to parents will be made and you will be asked to collect your child from school. It is vital we have this measure in place to safeguard all children and staff within school.

**Illness**

If your child requires first aid at school and close contact care is required, PPE will be worn by staff to ensure the first aid is provided safely.

We aim to keep everyone as safe as possible. However, should a member of staff or child be confirmed as having COVID-19, the group and staff associated with the group will be asked to quarantine for 14 days as stated in the latest government instruction to schools. All staff are fully aware of and will follow the planned procedure in this situation.

If you have any further questions about the provision offered for your child, please do not hesitate to contact school. Whilst things may not be completely back to normal, it is our aim for children to have a positive experience of school in a friendly and nurturing environment. The children who have joined us at Sigglesthorne over the last ten weeks have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I am sure that our EYFS

children will have the same enjoyable experience. I certainly know that Mrs Wrightson and Mrs Loney are looking forward to seeing their children again!

I hope the above information reassures you of the school’s approach to promoting safe measures as we welcome your child back to school. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

 Kind regards and stay safe,

Victoria Tippett

Head of School

Sigglesthorne Church of England Primary Academy