

# Seghill First School

Main Street North, Seghill  
Northumberland, NE23 7SB

Tel: 0191 237 0419

Fax: 0191 237 3518

[admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Miss T Chappell



22 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Phased reopening of schools from 01 June 2020**

In the first instance, children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 have been chosen to return to primary schools after half term. The government has shared their ambition for all other primary aged children to return to school before the summer for a month if feasible.

As explained in our previous letter on 15 May, we have considered a number of factors to plan for a safe, phased return to school. These include-

- guidance documents from the Department for Education and Public Health England;
- guidance from our local authority;
- responses from the survey of parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1;
- the availability of staff;
- assessment of risk in the context of social distancing while providing a meaningful and enriching experience for the children;
- assessment of risk in the context of social distancing while providing intimate care, first aid and support appropriate to the age and stage of development of the children;
- guidance for children returning on 01 June and also the essential staffing levels that we will need to keep children safe when children in Years 2, 3 and 4 are allowed to return to school.

Working our way through all of these factors has proved to be very difficult. However, we are now at the stage to move forward. As we have said previously, what we offer may not be the same as another school.

From 01 June, we will be open to children in Reception and Year 1, and those children who have a social worker, an EHCP or parents who are critical workers. We will not be open to Nursery children. We realise that this may well be disappointing for Nursery parents and children, but please be assured that this is not a decision that we have taken lightly. After much consideration, we do not believe that we can provide meaningful and enriching experiences in school for Nursery children while maintaining social distancing.

The children who are returning to school on 01 June will be returning to a very different place. In the first instance, the children will work in one group. We will be offering full days to children in Reception and Year 1 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. School will not be open to these children on Fridays. We will be offering full days to children who have a social worker, an EHCP or parents who are critical workers from Monday to Friday each week. School will be open to these children on Fridays.

Deep cleaning will take place on Fridays. The areas used by this smaller group of pupils who attend on Friday will be thoroughly cleaned after the close of school. On Fridays, staff will reflect on the learning opportunities provided throughout the week and plan for the week ahead. This includes learning for children at school and children who will be accessing learning at home via School360 or Tapestry.

## **What will it mean for children who are attending school?**

### **Dress code**

Children should arrive at school wearing practical clothes, including trainers or shoes which they can run around in comfortably.

Children must have a full set of washed, clean clothes on every day.

They do not need to wear school uniform.

### **Food and drink**

A packed lunch and a drink will be provided free of charge to all children.

Children should not bring in a packed lunch from home.

We will provide water throughout the day in a brand new water bottle. It will stay in school and be washed here ready for the next day.

Children should not bring in water bottles from home.

### **School bags and PE kit**

Children should not bring in anything from home.

Children will be doing lots of socially distanced physical activity but they do not need to bring their PE kit to change in to.

### **Learning resources**

Reading books will be used with children in school but they will not be sent home.

We will not be sending home any other resources.

We will provide each pupil with a pupil pack or tray that contains the equipment that will only be used and touched by them. These will be cleaned at the end of the day.

When any other equipment is used it will then need to be cleaned before other children use it.

### **Dropping off and collection arrangements**

Only one parent is allowed to drop off and collect their child.

This parent is not allowed to enter the school building.

Drop off and pick up times may be staggered, or due to relatively low pupil numbers, we may operate a queuing system to allow one child at a time to come in; parents may not congregate outside classroom doors.

Children will wash their hands on arrival at school.

### **Planning and delivering learning**

Children will do the same work at school as is being sent home via remote learning.

### **Health and safety**

Rooms and communal areas are being reconfigured to comply with social distancing and limit the risk of the spread of infection.

Our top priority is to keep our children and our staff safe, but we do not want the children returning to school to see the school covered in tape and danger signs.

Please be assured that the overriding factor in our decision making is always the safety of the children and the staff who are responsible for them. Further details will be shared with you on Wednesday next week after they have been shared with staff and ratified by the governors.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Tracey Chappell  
Headteacher

Steph Hall  
Chair of governors