



Unity Community Primary

Friday 28 August

Good Evening to all Unity Families,

I hope you have enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to sending your children back to school next week. At the end of term I said that I would email before we were due back to pass on some updates.

Over the summer break the building work has finally begun to permanently house the daycare and Nursery. Currently they are reconfiguring the changing rooms and the Family Support Worker office so that the daycare and nursery can move to that end of the building. The extension at the other end of the building has also begun which will then house the main office, Headteacher's office, staff room and meeting room. This will have an impact on how the Reception children now access their classrooms (via the Allesley Drive steps) and a temporary path has been installed to get families up the ramp and onto the playground safely while the construction is ongoing.

The government have been very clear for some time that ALL children should return to school from September. Before the summer break, we had managed at Unity to return with approximately half the school and by putting a number of measures in place we can safely return with everyone in September. I think it is really important that all children return to school because;

- They are missing education and this will impact on their future achievements
- It is good for children's wellbeing to be in school, connecting with their friends
- The government have said that attendance is compulsory once more for all children aged 5 – 16 years from September 2020 (so can issue fines for non-attendance)
- We know more about coronavirus now and children are less likely to contract the virus, do not tend to get very ill with the disease and have not been found to spread it more than adults so it is safe for them to be in schools.

Staff in school have been working hard to make sure we can safely return with all children and we have a number of measures in place;

- Children will be kept in year group 'bubbles' so will only mix with the same staff and children each day
- Drop off/Pick up times, break and lunch times will be staggered to avoid mixing of bubbles
- A one-way system for dropping/collecting children has been introduced and we are encouraging only one family member attending to drop off children.
- A one-way system for moving around inside the school building has also been introduced to ensure bubbles are not mixing
- We are restricting adults in the building
- The building is being thoroughly cleaned through the day and at the end of each day
- There are sanitising stations throughout the building and all children are being encouraged to wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap more regularly
- No one with any symptoms is allowed into the building
- Anyone who develops symptoms of covid-19 (persistent cough, high temperature, loss/change in taste or smell) will be isolated and sent home immediately and be asked to take a test.

A full risk assessment has been carried out and this is available on the school website on the home page (www.unitycommunityprimary.com) if you would like to see more detailed plans. We have also been given a detailed protocol from the local authority of how to respond if we do have a confirmed case and you can also find this on the website.

There is such a lot of information that needs to be shared but I don't think an email is the best way to do this. I have asked that each of the class teachers make a short video on Tuesday when they are back in school and these will then be shared on your new class dojo page. Please make sure you have watched your child's class video before you bring them back to school on **THURSDAY 3** September. I will also be available via zoom to answer any question at 4pm on Wednesday 2nd just use this link at the time; Meeting ID: 812 0276 8611 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81202768611>

Key information for the return on Thursday 3rd;

- DO NOT bring your child to school if they (or anyone in your household) has symptoms of coronavirus (persistent cough, high temperature, loss/change in taste or smell)
- If for some reason your child cannot attend school on Thursday 3rd September, please let the office know in the usual way as we will be ringing anyone who has not arrived and have to report attendance to the DfE daily.
- All children to access school via the main gate on Allesley drive at the allocated time
- Bring the children onto the playground and leave them with their teacher in the allotted drop off space
- Follow the one-way system after dropping off your child and leave the school premises by the gate that leads to the path by the field (near Barrow Hill Road) and the same at pick up time too.
- Please stick to the drop off/pick up times for your children. It is really important for everyone's safety that children are in school on time so please make every effort to be on time and not late.

Drop off/Pick up times:

KS2 - Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6: 8.45am drop off and 3.05pm pick up

KS1 – Y1 and Y2: 9.00am drop off and 3.15pm pick up

If you have children in both KS1 and KS2, please drop your children at 8.55am and pick them up at 3.15pm.

I'm hoping this information will get to as many Unity parents as possible, we will also be sending texts and posting on Facebook and Class Dojo up to school opening to children on Thursday 3rd.

All the staff are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back to Unity, and we are excited to see all families after such a long time! Have a peaceful bank holiday weekend and I hope to see you next week,

Best Wishes,

Mrs J Lee
Headteacher