



July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all the support you have been giving to our school. The planning for September is underway and today we have seen the official guidance released by the DfE which explains how we may plan for September.

We know how challenging the last few months have been for all families and we appreciate the way you have supported the school with the home learning programme and the gradual reopening of school to more year groups.

As a local authority school, we work closely with Worcestershire Children First. They have sent the following information to schools and I wanted to ensure you have access to this. The information will also be on our website.

‘A central part of the Government’s reopening school guidance is organising small groups or ‘bubbles’. Bubbles work as a protective measure to help reduce potential transmission of COVID-19 by keeping the same children and the same staff together, and in doing so, reduce the chance of transmission of COVID-19.

During lockdown children and adults were in a bubble in their home. The concept of a school bubble is an extension of the home bubble. In a school bubble a group of children and staff are grouped together every time they are at school and their interaction and contact with other bubbles is restricted as much as possible.

Public Health England (PHE) is clear that if early years settings, schools and colleges do this, and crucially if they are also applying regular hand cleaning, hygiene and cleaning measures and handling potential cases of the virus as per the advice, then the risk of transmission will be lowered. Bubbles should try and maintain social distancing from each other (2 metres) however brief, transitory contact, such as passing in a corridor, is low risk.’

Worcestershire has an Outbreak Control Plan which sets out the protocols and actions necessary, both to respond to an outbreak and to prevent outbreaks from happening. It is part of delivering the NHS Test and Trace programme in Worcestershire. The plan is robust and ensures the county is ready to respond to an outbreak.’

The plan can be accessed below.

[http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20769/coronavirus\\_covid-1](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20769/coronavirus_covid-1)

In reading the plan you will see that we need to work together to ensure that our community is as protected as possible.

To ensure the transition back into school is as positive as possible we have made the decision to move every class teacher up with their class to ensure they oversee the learning for that class of children. Please see the grid below.

Our part time teachers will work within specific areas to ensure strategies for educational development. This will maximise the educational impact we can have for our pupils from September as the teachers have already a sound understanding of the children's learning and the areas that may need support.

We are working on a plan to ensure year groups are placed in bubbles. Within each bubble we have included our part time teachers to ensure that we can provide our children with the support they need to re-adjust to the school routine again.

We look forward to September and the new school year. If you have any queries please contact us via [office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk) or [info@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:info@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk)

Further details for the arrangements in September will be sent by the end of term.

Thank you again for all your support.

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Headteacher

Class	Teacher(s)
River Room	Miss Millie Barnes
Pre-School	Mrs Laura Berryman
Reception	TBC & Mrs Sarah Gabriel (Part Time)
Year 1	Mrs Debbie Johnson & Mrs Helena Lacon (Part Time)
Year 2	Mr Mark Farmer
Year 3	Mrs Emma Davies
Year 4	Miss April Merrick
Year 5	Mrs Kate Moroni
Year 6	Mrs Emma Malpass (Part Time) & Mr Chris Tomkins (Part Time)