



**Pawlett Primary  
School Academy**

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Plans for schools to re-open further from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

Many thanks to everyone who has completed the surveys that were sent out on Monday. Given all of the information we currently have available we will be opening on June 1<sup>st</sup> in a wise and measured way. Everything is changing incredibly quickly and although we all really want everybody back at school we have to ensure that safety is paramount. The final Government decision is unlikely to be confirmed until 28<sup>th</sup> May and will be subject to meeting the five conditions set out by the Government a few weeks ago

In this letter, I want to share with you our planning and thinking for what school will be like from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:

- ✓ The safety and well-being of our staff and children will remain our highest priority at all times.
- ✓ Our decision making will follow the guidelines and regulations as set out for us by the Government. All decisions will be ratified by our Board of Trustees.
- ✓ We will continue to prioritise in-school provision for children of key workers and vulnerable learners.
- ✓ We will support Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Six, as prioritised by the Government, in returning to school.

**From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May (half-term):**

There will be no online learning set over half-term, to allow everyone to have a break.

**From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> June our current thinking is that Pawlett Primary School Academy will be **open for key workers and vulnerable children only**. This will ensure that everything is in place for a smaller number of children and ensure that all considerations are taken into account as well as ensuring all staff have received appropriate training before we increase our offer. We will provide more information next Friday as to exactly what this will look like.



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### **From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June:**

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June our hope is that we will be open to key worker and vulnerable children as well as children in Reception, Year One and Year Six. We will open from Monday ~ Thursday and we will **close to all children apart from key workers by 12:45pm on Friday**. This will enable us to ensure a deep clean is made of our school whilst also ensuring staff have capacity to continue to provide on line learning opportunities for children not in school.

In order to make any return as safe as possible for pupils, parents and staff, we will be putting in place new procedures and routines in our school. This will be kept under constant review.

### **Groupings & School Day:**

Children will be grouped in to class 'bubbles' of less than 15 as per Government guidance. The aim is for these children to remain in their 'class bubble' for lessons, playtimes and lunchtimes. As far as is possible, the same staff will remain with each 'bubble' of children each day.

### **Arrival/Departure:**

Arrival time will be extended from between 8.45 and 9.30am. This will allow for as much staggered arrival as possible. Adults accompanying the child/children to/from school will not be allowed into the school building are expected to observe social distancing procedures. Departure time will be extended between 2:45 and 3.15pm. You will be notified of specific times.

### **Uniform:**

Children do not need to wear school uniform. It is recommended that comfortable, easy to wash clothes are worn with shoes that are safe to move around in. Please don't bring anything else into school - book bags/PE kits/toys etc.

### **Behaviour expectations:**

In addition to our normal behaviour expectations of respect yourself, respect others and respect the environment we will be encouraging physical/social-distancing between everyone on site at all times. Although we will encourage distancing where possible, this is an unrealistic expectation particularly with our younger children. There will be expectations for frequent hand-washing and enhanced hygiene for everyone on site with hand sanitizers also being available.



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### Lunches:

For the start of Term 6 will be providing a 'packed lunch' meal for children who are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. Free School Meal children will continue to receive vouchers via Edenred and are expected to bring in a packed lunch from home. Other children will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle to school – please name these clearly. Lunches will be eaten in classrooms/'bubbles' or outside (weather permitting). Lunch times will be supervised by normal lunch time staff where possible; however, your child may be supervised by a different member of staff where necessary.

### Toilets:

Where possible, each bubble will have assigned toilets. However, please be aware that in reality this will be unmanageable and unrealistic to supervise. Children will use the toilets individually as much as is possible. As stated, there will be enhanced cleaning, but it will not be possible to clean toilets (or any area) after every use.

### First Aid:

There will be allocated first aiders on site. They will be provided with PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) as they will need to be in close contact with your children. Isolation area: As advised by government guidelines we have created an 'Isolation Area' where any child displaying symptoms of COVID 19 (or other illnesses) can be 'quarantined' and will need to be collected from school immediately. Please make sure you provide up-to-date contact details to school. The child will be supervised in this area by first aid trained staff (where possible) wearing PPE. Any child that displays any of the 3 known symptoms of COVID 19 (new persistent cough, a high temperature or a loss or change to sense of smell) will be moved to the 'isolation area'. Any child that displays as unwell (non-COVID 19 related) will be moved apart from the other children in their bubble. Please do not send your child into school if they are displaying any symptoms of any illness.

***Please note: If any member of a school bubble displays symptoms, at home or in school, the child or adult in question will need to access a COVID 19 test. If the test is positive then school must be informed and all members of that 'bubble' and their household will need to isolate at home for fourteen days as per government advice.***



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### Curriculum:

The government have asked schools to develop a reduced curriculum for the remainder of the academic year. This is to help children work as independently as possible, rather than collaboratively or with close adult contact. Staff have selected areas of the curriculum most suited to outdoor learning or individual learning where possible. Unfortunately, there will be no 'special' events (e.g. Y6 leaving celebrations), visitors in school of any kind or trips. Teachers will continue to maintain learning on Google Classrooms until the end of the summer term.

### Health and Safety:

We will make every effort to make our schools as safe as possible for everyone. We have completed stringent risk assessments and thorough planning. The changes we have made include:

- Increased signage and verbal reminders to encourage social-distancing.
- Enhanced cleaning and hygiene regimes.
- As per Government guidance, a great deal of 'normal' equipment, resources, soft furnishings have been removed from use.
- Children will have their own resources within their bubbles. Resources will be carefully allocated and restricted. Wherever possible children will not share any resources; as previously noted however, this cannot be guaranteed for any child.
- Lunches will be delivered to and eaten in own bubbles, either outside or in classrooms.
- Specific play 'zones' for each bubble of children.
- No assemblies/collective worships, visitors or trips; unfortunately, this will mean there will be no Year 6 Leavers' Assembly.
- Only essential (maintenance, health & safety, etc) visitors will access site and adhere to strict COVID-19 guidance/safety.
- Families will need to contact our school office via phone or email.

In conclusion, all staff will endeavour to encourage children to follow all of the above 'rules' as best they can and I would like to ask you – if you are intending to send your child in – to have a frank and honest conversation with your child about how school will look and operate when they return. The Academy will not (and cannot) be like it was before the lockdown. We care for everyone in our community and all the above measures have been put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.



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I have outlined above our best thinking at this current moment and you will need to use this information to decide what is right for your children. Attendance during Term 6 is not compulsory and the Local Authority will not be issuing fines for non-attendance.

Finally, we have all really appreciated how supportive you have all been of everything we have done so far to continue to provide for and support the children and families of our school. We are all missing our normal lives and this will hopefully be the next step in moving us all forward. Your kind words and supportive attitudes have really helped everyone in this difficult time. We will continue to communicate frequently and you are welcome to get in touch at anytime.

Kind regards,

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