



Dear Parents/Carers,

Following yesterday's announcement by the Prime Minister we have been informed that the next stage of lifting restrictions have been met, therefore the phased partial reopening of schools will commence from **Monday 1st June**.

At Abbots Green, we have been working hard in preparing the school to welcome back the year groups that the Government has specified – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, and the different ways the school will operate in line with the guidance we have received from the Department for Education.

As stated last week, we currently look forward to welcoming children back, initially in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 only:

- Evergreen children will return to school on Monday 1st June, attending school from 9-3:30pm. **Please note that separate correspondence will be sent to all Evergreen parents to confirm their sessions across the week.**
- Reception children will be returning on Monday 1st June from 9:15am-3:30pm and be expected to attend school daily. Children will be in their class bases, i.e. Buttercup children will be in Buttercup class.
- Year 1 children will return to school on Tuesday 2nd June from 8:45-3:15pm and be expected to attend school daily. Year 1 children will be told which bubble they will be grouped on Monday 1st June via Parentmail.
- Key worker children will be returning to school on Monday 1st June from 8am-4pm. **Please see table below to indicate where your child will now be based.**
- **We will continue to review the possible return of our Year 6 pupils in line with staffing capacity and safety for all. At this point, it is not possible to confirm when this will be.**

For further information on what your child needs to bring into school and routines that will be established please refer to the school website to access the most up to date risk assessment and guidance. It is our intention that there will be no movement between bubbles for staff or pupils, nor will there be any social interaction between groups at play times.

Upon returning to school and to ensure safety for us all, it is important to adhere to the timings and entry/ exit points to support social distancing throughout the school. For example – key worker children must arrive at 8am exactly.

Unfortunately, where siblings are being dropped off on school site at different times, we will not welcome parents to be waiting on school site – social distancing applies at all times to parents and their children. You will need to follow the one-way system and stand on the blue dots outside each classroom base - a member of staff will welcome children into their bubbles through the external doors. Please see photographs on Twitter.

Children should be entering school in the following ways and following the one-way route;

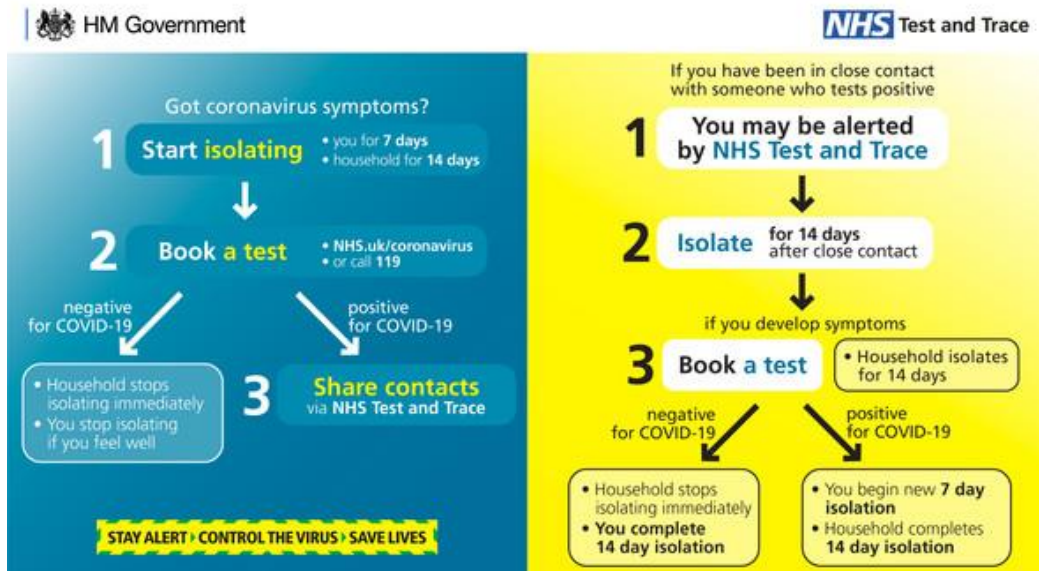
Year Group	Start time	Enter school via	Collection point (at start and end of day)	End time	Exit school via
Key worker	8am	Y2/3/4 pupils- courtyard gates Y5/6 KS2 gates/ KS2 building	Y2/3/4 Courtyard Y5/6 Main playground	4pm	Y2/3/4 pupils- courtyard gates/ front gate Y5/6 KS2 far gate
Nursery	9am	Gates opposite main office	Evergreen Nursery	3:30pm	Gates opposite main office
Reception	9:15 am	KS2 far gates, follow one-way route	Outside Daisy and Buttercup classroom	3:30pm	Main double gates (car park) This will be monitored by a member of staff
Year 1	8:45am	KS2 far gates, follow one-way route	Outside Snowdrop,	3:15pm	Main double gates (car park) This will be monitored by a member of staff

As we reach the next milestone in reopening our school, we will be sending you a further survey on Tuesday 2nd June about expected attendance for the week beginning 8th June (Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Keyworker children only). It is essential that if you plan to send your child back to school that this is communicated through the survey only, to support staff with collating bubbles throughout the school. Parents will be informed each Friday of the allocation of places.

In opening the school to more children, we are very conscious of our staff capacity and the possibility that this could change at short notice. Over the next few weeks, the health and well-being of all staff and pupils will remain integral to all that we do and decisions that are made.

Unlike in more normal times, we will not be drawing on supply teachers as we do not feel it is appropriate to bring different adults at short notice into the school. We will look to avoid it, but I need to raise the possibility of possible closure of classes at short notice. This will be communicated via ParentMail, text and our school website - in some cases this may even be on the same day.

In addition to this, we will be attempting to follow the Test and Trace system that we are all being asked to follow – below is a diagram that explains the system that staff, pupils and tier families will be following;



As we launch forward to next week, I would like to thank you in advance for your time and patience as we make difficult decisions in a situation that is new to us all. Over the next few weeks, I will look to gather feedback to ensure that your thoughts and opinions are shared in an appropriate, professional way. In the meantime, I would like to reassure you that communication will remain as frequent as necessary as we review our practice to make the next stage of transition as smooth and safe as possible.

In partnership with this, I would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication that all staff have displayed throughout the last ten weeks. It is only with such a strong team, that I am able to say yet again, together, by following all guidance, we will get through this.

Kindest regards

Mrs Ang Morrison