

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you are all well and have found the time to enjoy the lovely weather. As you know, school will be partially reopening to certain year groups as of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

I'm sure you and your child have many questions as to what school will be like when they return. You will find below some photographs of the classroom and an explanation as to why we have implemented some of these changes. Hopefully, you and your child will feel reassured by being able to see how the classroom looks before arriving on Monday morning.



#### Stationary:

Each child now has their own set of resources, including their own pencils, scissors, glue sticks and whiteboards. This should ensure children do not need to share resources with each other.

#### Scholastic Reading books:

A selection of reading books will now be kept in the classroom. Normally, reading material is kept in the corridor, but in bringing the books inside, it will help to reduce how often the children need to leave their "bubble".



#### Picture books:

I think it is important the children still have the opportunity to choose their own books and so I have not closed-off the reading corner.

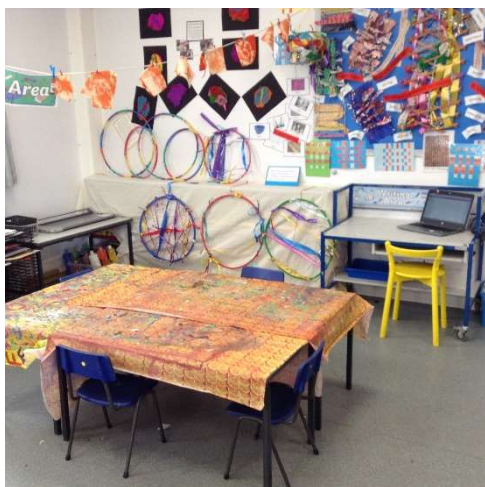
Instead, when the children have finished with a book, I will ask them to place it in a tray so that it may be cleaned after school.

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#### Social distancing:

The children will need to sit on their own "spot" during carpet time. Additionally, I have moved the tables so that when the children are working at the tables or having lunch, they are separated enough to maintain social distancing, but not too far that they are unable to chat.



#### Arts and Crafts area:

There is more room in the Arts and Crafts area and although I will monitor which resources the children use, there is now enough space for them to gather their own materials whilst attempting to maintain social distancing.

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Please know that I will make every effort to ensure the children observe social distancing guidelines where possible, however, for children of this age, it may not always be possible. Consequently, the children will be reminded that there other important measures they can take, such as regular hand washing and respecting people's personal space.

The classroom is equipped with hand sanitisers and tissues and the children will be reminded to wash their hands regularly. The children will notice there are fewer toys and games out. Instead of letting the

children choose what toys or games they want to play with, we will decide each morning what resources to get out and they will be cleaned after school.

The outside area will still be used, though for now, the sand pit will be covered, along with some other resources. Again, if the children particularly want to use something, they need only ask and then we know what resources need to be cleaned after school.

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I'm looking forward to seeing the children again and anticipate lots of fun and games in the sunshine.

See you on Monday!

Mr. Sexton