



Reaching for the Stars !

15th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers ,

I would like to share with you the ' Broad Strokes ' for a return to school in September . The Senior Leadership Team are continuing to work on the detail for our return which is in many ways a logistical nightmare, so please be patient with us as we try to adopt the best approach to suit our circumstances and continue to manage the risk to pupils and staff alike within the context of Davyhulme Primary School.

The key dates in our approach are as follows (at this time ! **Gov announcement on 11th August may change things again!**) :

1st September - Staff Inset Day 1

2nd September - Staff Inset Day 2

3rd September - Pupils will start to return to school in a phased approach for a variety of reasons. Nursery and EYFS pupils will follow their own annual phased return approach (parents and carers have already been informed of these dates and times).

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils Y1 - Y6 who have not been in school (only for their one farewell day) since March 20th may come in to get used to the new environment ahead of a full intake . This will give these pupils an opportunity to adapt to their surroundings in a calmer less populated setting .

It will also give staff an opportunity to test the organisation and systems dealing with larger numbers of pupils at breaktimes and lunchtimes in particular before we welcome everyone back on 7th September.

7th September - Full Return for all pupils Y1 -Y6 **Covid19 permitting !**

Uniform - Full uniform is expected to be worn everyday **apart from shoes, as trainers should be worn** . We would like the children to be as active as possible and as we will not be getting changed for PE it makes sense to wear trainers and no doubt this will be a saving for parents too.

Games kit can be worn on Fridays as usual except for the first Friday on 3rd September. All other uniform requirements will remain in place with a relaxed approach on enforcement for missing items until we get through September.

Additional Training Day - Trafford have granted Schools an additional Training Day to help with the introduction of a full return to school and we would like to take it on **Wednesday 30th September** to take stock of our approach and train staff in any further measures needed. Apologies for any inconvenience but we chose Wednesday as we have all P/T and FT staff on site at the same time and it will be more effective and efficient from School's point of view. In line with guidance, the children will remain in expanded LBs. At our school, these will be one cohort or 70 pupils.

Each LB will enter school at staggered times (from 8.30am) through designated entry and exit points (all pupils to leave by 3.30pm). The integrity of LBs should be maintained at all times and staff should try to SD at all times.

These are the main points, more detail will be shared with parents and carers about entry and exit times for LBs on September 1st. Siblings will have to wait for each other outside school gates as there are too many variables to manage across a school our size.

We hope you understand and continue to support us in our approach.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P McDowell