

Elston Hall Multi-Academy Trust

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Plans for re-opening of schools

Dear Parents/carers,

We are looking forward to hopefully welcoming back your child following the government's announcement that pupils from YR, Y1 and Y6 should return to school 'at the earliest' from the 1st June. We know also that Nursery was part of this expectation to return however with your permission we will allow ourselves an initial period for the other year groups before we move to arrangements for Nursery.

We have decided to help us with implementing the government's guidelines safely that YR and Y6 will return on 1st June, whilst children in Y1 will not return until Monday 8th June, allowing us time to settle the younger pupils back into Reception first.

Obviously, these are unsettling times and we appreciate that you may have concerns regarding the safety of your child if they return to school. We do appreciate that this may be very difficult and each family will need to base the decision to send their child to school around their own individual family's needs and circumstances but as a school, we will try to support your decisions.

However, if your child is to return to school then we must take this opportunity to reassure you that staff will be doing their utmost to ensure that we implement the safety guidelines set out by the Government and the Department of Education as far as possible. As you would expect nothing less from our staff, their priority will always remain with the education, safety and well-being of your child!

Unfortunately, as much as we all might like things to return to normality, this is not yet possible! So for the school to re-open there will be a number of changes which will have to be implemented to accommodate the new guidelines and we ask for your continued support with these.

Firstly, the class sizes will have to be reduced significantly to help with social distancing. There will be no more than **15 pupils and 2 adults** within any classroom and we will ensure that these children and adults remain as consistent as possible throughout the day. In order for us to accommodate this, staff have divided each class into two halves which will mean, that for the foreseeable future each child will only be attending school for two days each week. Of course, we will continue to be guided by the advice we receive and as soon as it is safe to do so, we will amend our measures.

| Mon | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Group 1 | Group 1 | No children (except key workers) Deep clean | Group 2 | Group 2 |



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Although this may not be ideal, our thinking behind this; is that your child will have consistency for the two days they are in school, they will be able to return to their familiar class teacher and their own classroom - all of which we feel is vital as they need this familiarity as they transition back into school life. This will also allow us to 'deep clean' classrooms and resources thoroughly between the two different groups of children.

Of course there are further measures that we need to take such as staggering pick up/drop off times, lunchtimes, playtimes all of which staff are working really hard to make sure we can implement, safely. Specific arrangements for your child and their school are attached.

When dividing the class into groups, staff have tried to ensure that pupils are at least with one or two of their friends but can we please once again ask that you are supportive of these measures. We understand that the day or group your child has been allocated to may have implications for those of you returning to work but unfortunately, we will not be able to make further changes.

Our arrangements for children of key workers, those with a social worker or EHCP will continue with daily provision however from the 1st June this will return to your child's own school. The expectation will also be that they wear school uniform from this point on and they will be integrated into their own year groups on the days they have been designated.

We have missed your children and staff are keen for their return. Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. Please stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Grayson

(Chief Executive Officer)

