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The Federation of George Betts and Shireland Hall Primary Academies

Wednesday 20th May 2020

Reopening Plan for George Betts Primary Academy

Dear parents and carers,

George Betts has remained open for key worker children and other identified pupils since the national closure in March. As you are aware, the DFE have now suggested that schools begin to reopen to wider groups of pupils from the 1st June 2020.

Along with guidance from The Elliot Foundation, as well as our knowledge of our pupils and our staff, we have taken the decision that, in the first instance, George Betts will initially open to YR and Y1 pupils as part of this wider offer. This will be 'Phase 1' of our reopening plan.

We would love all pupils back in school but, in order to maintain safe social distancing, we cannot physically cater for more pupils at this time due to both staffing and physical space constraints. In the meantime both online learning and learning packs will be provided for pupils not in school.

The plan for the pupils who are in school is that they will be in much smaller groups (no more than 10) and these groups are called 'bubbles'. The 'bubbles' will not mix with any other groups in school and so children may not be with their friends. Also, children may not be with their usual teacher, in their usual classroom. Therefore, school life will look and feel very differently for our children during this phased transitional period.

We will also be asking parents to follow Government advice, meaning only one parent brings their child/ren to school, limiting the amount of people on school site at any one time. As part of 'Phase 1' we will also be insisting parents do not enter the school building itself. Any contact with school needs to be via phone or email (gbparents@gbshp.org). Our Reception and Year 1 parents have received further details about our reopening plan for Phase 1. Please note - If you do not receive a letter confirming your child's return to school details, they cannot return to school in Phase 1.

Please rest assured that, although our plans are well under way for a June opening, they are underpinned by both the Government and The Elliot Foundation safety measures. If these measures are not met then we will not open.

I will contact you all again to share our plan for 'Phase 2' of reopening George Betts very soon. In the meantime, please see the attached 'TEFAT Pre-opening Tests' that need to be met prior to opening.

Yours sincerely,
Mr A Shephard



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TEFAT pre-opening tests

1. The school site is compliant with Health and Safety legislation and can be maintained to a high standard of cleanliness once opened.
2. There are appropriate staff (in number and type) available for work to ensure the safety and well-being of the children on site and those learning from home.
3. There is an adequate supply of PPE for those staff required to support a pupil or staff member showing symptoms whilst on site or those carrying out intimate care.
4. Social distancing has been planned for and information shared with staff, pupils and families. It is reasonable to assume that social distancing can be maintained so far as is reasonably practical by the number of staff, pupils and parents on site at any time.



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