

21<sup>st</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

**Re: September Opening**

After reviewing the guidance from Government, and working closely with Reach South Academy Trust, we are now able to offer an outline of what you and your children can expect when returning to Goosewell in September.

As I said in my previous letter, we are expecting all children to return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September and as such we will have protective measures in place, accompanied by a set of risk assessments to mitigate the risks associated with Covid-19. Part of these measures will be the continued use of 'bubbles', as we have done for the past few months. The 'bubbles' will operate to achieve the greatest reduction in contact and mixing, without unduly limiting the quality or breadth of teaching, or access for support. We have also staggered the start of the school day to help reduce footfall.

The bubbles are as follows:

		Phase Leader (Bubble)	Start & finish
Reception Class	Bubble 1	Ms Eva Hanlon	9.00am – 3.00pm
Year 1 & Year 2 (KS1)	Bubble 2	Mrs Britta Nicholls	8.45am – 3.15pm
Year 3 & Year 4 (Lower KS2)	Bubble 3	Mr Marc Leader	9.00am – 3.30pm
Year 5 & Year 6 (Upper KS2)	Bubble 4	Mrs Laura Clarke	8.45am – 3.15pm

Other measures:

- Classrooms have also been adapted and all children will face towards the front of the class
- Bubbles will not mix at breaktime or lunchtime
- Lunches will be served in the classrooms
- Movement of children will be limited to their bubbles
- One-way systems will remain in place in the hallways
- There will be plenty of opportunities to wash hands and use hand sanitisers
- Good respiratory hygiene measures in place, 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- There is a program of enhanced cleaning throughout the school

- If a child displays Covid-19 symptoms, they will be sent home and asked to request a test
- Teachers will continue to meet and greet children in the morning wearing appropriate PPE
- Children will be provided with their own pens and pencils and are welcome to bring in their own sets

I do appreciate that returning to school after an extended period away may leave you and your children feeling anxious. Please rest assured that we will do everything we can to ensure there is a warm welcome back to school for all our children and their well-being is our key priority. I will also take this opportunity to let parents know that we will all be back in school uniform in September.

If there are any changes between now and the start of term, I will be in touch and let you know. In the meantime, please have a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

With very best wishes from myself and all staff at Goosewell.



**James Gentile**  
**Headteacher**