



West Vale Primary School - part of The Greetland Academy Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

May we firstly thank you all for your continuing support and engagement during these difficult times. It has been lovely to see those who have attended school during the last few weeks pursuing a range of activities and making new friendships. The dedication of parents and children in engaging with our remote learning offers has been rewarding for us all to see.

The Government has now issued guidance for our reopening, if their 5 progress criteria are met. We have been busy assessing and making arrangements for the necessary adaptations and changes which will be required in order to welcome back an increased number of children, in a steady, safe and measured way. This letter details our initial offer, plans and requests for specific uptake numbers from you in order to move our plans to more definite offers.

*We appreciate that you will require information about our offer in order to make an informed decision.*

*Our initial intended offer includes:*

1. A phased approach from the 1<sup>st</sup> June, starting with the children of key workers and children in **Year 1 only** for the first week. Next a gradual expansion of this offer to Year 6 and Reception classes as initial routines are embedded over the coming weeks. Each offer will be a full-time offer without any rotas in order to provide routine and clarity for us all. More information will be sent nearer the start dates for Year 6 and REC.
2. A 'bubble' small teaching and learning group, with designated staff members, working zones, different classroom layouts, movement requirements, break and lunch time plans with set first aid, safeguarding and hygiene arrangements for each group.
3. Staggered start and finish times with entry and exit points for parents to drop off and collect in line with social distancing requirements. Year 1 will start at 8.45 for collection at 2.45. Key Worker's children will start at 8.30 for collection no later than 3pm (Any other times between 8.30 and 3pm will need to be in agreement with the school and must be adhered to.)
4. Dedicated zone areas around school for one-way movement and social distancing when groups move around the school site. Groups will not be allowed to mix with other groups in school.
5. Utilisation of outdoor learning opportunities.
6. Promotion of bespoke, key teaching and learning which is necessary for the next stage of each child's learning. Please be aware due to grouping your child may not be with their class teacher.

7. Separate break and lunch time arrangements to ensure each bubble group can have social time but in a safe and managed environment, away from other groups in school.
8. Pupil specific equipment, each child will have their own resource pack.
9. Lunch arrangements in bubble groupings with children eating a packed lunch in their classroom.
10. Support for health and well-being needs. Mrs Roebuck will be in school on certain days to support children.

*In order to assist in our specific planning needs, we will require an indication from parents:*

We are giving parents who have not used our key worker and vulnerable pupil offer, the opportunity to access our new offer in response to the Government's encouragement.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> June **Year 1** are invited to join us in bubble groupings as outlined above.

**Please indicate your intention to take up this offer by reply to [admin@westvale.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westvale.calderdale.sch.uk) by 12 noon on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May in order to allow school sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.**

**Provision will still be in place for Key worker and vulnerable children. Please contact the admin email to book as you have previously done.**

We appreciate parental views and choices; we do require your initial feedback on intended numbers in order to bespoke arrangements and enable us to safely future cascade to additional year groups.

Please be assured we are taking all the necessary steps to assess and plan for our re-opening in line with DfE updates and regulations. As always, we will keep you updated on our process, further developments and future bespoke arrangements for our initial groupings.

Further letters and updates will follow and our home learning will continue to support all our families.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Kindest regards,

Fiona Gardiner