

FAO Parents of children in EYFS, Y1 and Y6 only

Dear Parents,

Thank you all so much for taking the time to reply to the survey. I know that everything is still hypothetical and up in the air at the moment, but for the purposes of me:

- a) completing a comprehensive risk assessment for the LA
- b) ensuring we have enough school meal provision
- c) informing the LA which children will need their usual bus transport to and from school
- d) keeping sane 😊

I need you to do yet another favour for me, **and by 5pm today please...** (I was told last night that I had a Friday deadline, so don't shoot the messenger😊)

Please email Mrs Wass, your answers to the following questions asap (the survey was anonymous, we now need to know who you are to see if we have the capacity within school to provide what people want and organise things like the bus, staff support, school meals etc)

- 1) **IF** schools are asked to open on June 1st, and with the information you have to hand at the moment, will your child in EYFS/Y1 or Y6 return?
- 2) Would your child want a school meal? (These will be free for EYFS/Y1 as usual, and for anyone who would normally be entitled to free school meals in Y6)
- 3) Would they require school transport (if they normally travel on the school bus)?

Please email her a very short and sweet, 1) yes please, 2) no thanks, 3) not applicable (or whatever your answers to the questions are, obviously don't just copy those😊) along with your child's name to office@elton.cambs.sch.uk

The following information may help you make a decision, it's not comprehensive (it can't be until we fully possess all the facts, and as I keep saying, things keep on changing!):

- In EYFS, 12 originally answered "yes" to returning to school, 3 were definite "no" and the other responses were dependent on different factors
- In Y1, 8 were definite "yes", 4 definite "no"
- In Y6, 10 were definite "yes", 5 were definite "no"
- Key worker children – if a returning child is an only child at this school, and is in one of the three year groups invited back, they will be in a bubble with their peers. If however, a keyworker child has a sibling in a year group not currently invited back, but who needs to come back as a keyworker child, then these siblings will be put in the "keyworker" bubble, not with their class bubble. This is to minimise contact with others, and therefore risk.
- School meals are likely to be pack-ups (probably sandwiches, but potentially pizza/fish and chips etc – things that can be put in a bag and eaten by hand)
- The school day will have staggered start times for each bubble, but we will try to get as close to full-time education as possible
- Bubbles will socially distance from each other, but within a bubble this cannot and will not happen. Children will learn and mix within their bubbles. Routine cleaning of touch-points, resources and desk areas/chairs, and regular handwashing guidelines will be followed to mitigate risk.
- We intend the curriculum to follow the same format as Home Learning. We have also been advised to give children lots of time to talk and to get used to routines again.
- The bubbles all depend on having enough physical space and staffing. If we do not have enough space/staff to accommodate all the children in the invited year groups we have been told to prioritise as follows:
 - 1) Key worker children
 - 2) EYFS children

- 3) Y1 children
- 4) Y6 children
- Where possible, the staff in charge of a year group bubble will be familiar to the children (class teacher or TA for example). This cannot be guaranteed though.
- You are allowed to change your mind, but please be aware that if you originally say no, and bubbles are formed, your child may not be able to come into school immediately, and may not end up in a bubble with their peers (if this is near capacity)

I'm putting this next bit in shouty bold font because I feel a bit shouty about it 😊 please read carefully!!!

Please be aware that the school has the right to refuse any child whose family they suspect of not following current government guidance re social distancing. This is to protect staff and the other families within the bubble. We've been made aware that there've been a couple of instances of families getting together outside of school. Although I accept this is a personal choice, it is not one that I can agree with, or tolerate, when it puts the safety of other children and their families at risk. I am more than happy to make unpopular decisions if it means keeping people safe.

Thank you in advance for your replies and support. I have asked Mrs Wass to chase people up towards the end of the day, so please be nice to her if she pesters you – she's only following orders! I will be in touch with more information as soon as I know it, but if you have any pressing questions that will affect the way you respond to Mrs Wass, please email me head@elton.camb.sch.uk and I'll do my best to answer. If not, please email Mrs Wass the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 on office@elton.cambs.sch.uk

Many thanks,
Claire