

# Date Valley School Trust

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Asalamu alaikum,

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Dear Early Years Parents

I hope you and your families are well and in a high state of Eemaan, in shaa Allah. We would like to outline our intention and procedures **for reopening the school from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020**. We would appreciate your cooperation and support in doing so. We would also request you bear with us whilst we begin to open, as we will be constantly assessing our systems and procedures to ensure we are effective.

Thank you for your patience while we waited for government guidance on safely reopening schools, and have summarised the implementation of this guidance tailored to our setting below.

As a school we have to consider what is applicable for our setting, as well as the results from our online parental survey. Taking all this into consideration, we have decided as Phase One, to reopen for **Nursery, Reception and Year 6**.

Our younger children need the practical and collaborative setting that the school environment provides. We also receive Early Years funding which stipulates that we should open to ensure we continue to receive that funding.

During the past few weeks, we have compiled a detailed plan and risk assessment to ensure we can safely welcome these year groups back, Alhumdulillah. I have outlined some of the precautions and safety measures that we have taken: -

- We have **implemented an initial deep cleaning of all the areas being occupied and used** which includes wiping down of shelves, furniture, walls and doors. Carpets have been deep cleaned as well
- We have created a **weekly cleaning** schedule which is COVID 19 compliant that will be conducted by Grace and checked by Neena, in shaa Allah
- Surplus equipment has been removed and the classroom setting has been redefined to meet social distancing stipulations
- Toys, furniture and play equipment have been washed
- Soft furnishings have been removed
- The staff have been briefed about the necessity to wipe down equipment, surfaces and used furniture periodically during the school day
- Classrooms and communal areas will be set up with appropriate handwashing facilities
- Two medical bays have been set up, equipped with personal protective equipment and non-contact infrared body thermometers as per government guidance

We would also like to define the systems and procedures in place for your child while at school.

Please be aware that upon arrival your child will be greeted by their teacher. **Each child will be placed into a 'bubble' of 12 to 14 children and will remain in that group with the allocated teacher.**

Social distancing rules will apply, which mean that **you will be unable to come pass the green school gate into the school playground**. There will be social distancing prompts for dropping and collecting your child.

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**Please note the drop off time for Early Years:**

**Drop off:**

**Reception: 9am**

**Nursery: 9.15am or 12pm (for afternoon sessional nursery).**

**Pick up:**

**Reception: 3pm**

**Nursery at 12pm (for morning sessional nursery) or 2.45pm**

We request that parents do not congregate outside the school gates and surrounding areas and leave as soon as possible for the safety of everyone.

**Please ensure that your child comes to school in fresh clean clothes, that are practical wear for the school day. Outfits should be changed on a daily basis, to reduce the risk of cross contamination.**

**Please provide a snack, a packed lunch and a disposable water bottle in a plastic bag. Your child will not be required to bring a book bag to school.**

In terms of the wellbeing of your child and to ensure that coming back to school is as smooth as it can be, we request that you start to prepare your child for the first day back in the following way:

- Ensure as a family, you begin to get back into a school routine in advance
- Ensure that you have discussed going back to school with your child and what that will look like each day before they return
- Discuss how they feel about going back and ensure that we are aware of any useful information about their emotions
- Ensure that your dialogue around them about going back to school is positive, as children pick up on everything.
- There will be a PowerPoint and video for you to watch with your child about coming back. They will enjoy seeing us in the video!
- Please update us with any additional back ground information that will be useful to know about your child or family circumstances. **For Nursery parents, this can take place during online Parent Teacher Meetings being scheduled for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, in shaa Allah.**

When your child enters the setting, the teacher in their 'bubble' will have social stories ready for each emotion they encounter and are well prepared for providing a nurturing and caring space, in shaa Allah. We will be using the outdoor environment as much as possible. Both Ustatha Fariha and Ustatha Layla will be planning for the Early Years provision, thus meaning the 'bubble' teachers and children will have access to an enriched, broad and balanced curriculum whilst they are in their 'bubbles'.

If your child is clinically vulnerable, you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to the government guidance for this :- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>.

The following links provide up to date and useful information for parents / children that need to go for testing and possible self-isolation: -

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

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Despite all the preparation and precautionary measures we have had to implement, as a headteacher and on behalf of my team I would like to end by saying that we are eagerly awaiting the rooms of Date Valley to be filled with the presence of your wonderful children and we are looking forward to meeting our families once again, in shaa Allah.

If you have any questions, please do email at [headteacher@dvst.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@dvst.org.uk) and I will be happy to assist.

Jazakumullahu Khayrun

Wa alaikum as salaam,

Neena Lone  
Head Teacher

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