Dear Parents of children in Year 1,

We are delighted to inform you that, due to the fact that 12 children wanted a place in year 1 from 1st June, we are able accommodate all of these children every day, every week.

The initial figure of 5 per class group was an estimation of space. I have been in and measured the floor space. I have opened up the dividing curtain between year 1 and 2 and the new space can comfortably accommodate 12 children with the 2m social distancing rule applied.

In sending your child to school from the 1st June, you are agreeing that they will come in every day that the school is open. The Government is very clear in its guidance that this is school, and parents don't have the right to pick days their child attends.

We will send home any children that are unwell. Any child with suspected coronavirus will be isolated in my office, we will phone you and expect you to come and collect your child immediately.

The school office will be in operation from 1st June. This means phone messages and emails will be responded to from school. We will not be allowing parents on site, unless we have called you in. Any forgotten lunches need to be left outside the front door and an email sent to office@cds.school.

All year 1 children will stay together as a group for the whole day. They will have playtime together and eat lunch together in the classroom. They will have their own lunch time supervisor. Their allocated toilets are the ones they are familiar with, next to my office.

Ideally, we would like the children to wear school uniform but understand that their shoes may not fit; trainers will be fine. Children need to have a sun hat with them in school and suntan cream applied before they come to school. Any medication also needs to be sent in and we'll ask you to complete a form. The children will not be changing for PE, just wearing trainers.

Staff will be wiping down surfaces and washing toys very regularly and we will be encouraging the children to wash their hands at least hourly.

The main gate to the school will open at 8.50 and the children will start school at 9.00am. You will need to leave your child at the gate, making sure you abide by the 2m social distancing rule between adults. The gate will be locked at 9.00am and no child will be admitted through the front door. This is so that the only area you child comes into contact with is the class, the year 1 outside area and their toilets. Thus, limiting and possible spread of infection.

At 3.15pm we ask parents of year 1 children to wait at the entrance gate, in a queue with 2m between you. Mr Jackson will bring out the child of the parent at the front of the queue and once you have your child, you will walk promptly away from the building, with another adult taking your place at the front of the queue. This process will continue until all the children have gone.

Any Essential workers children will be offered care until 5pm but will have to bring their own snack. Mr Messenger will oversee these children in the class space or on the field.

You will not have to do any of the online home learning, this will be covered in school. However, home reading and phonics practice would be great. We will not be sending home reading books, so please continue with the online resources.

If you have any further questions, please email me directly head@cds.school

We are really looking forward to seeing you on 1st June. Stay Safe

Kim Price Headteacher Cuddington and Dinton C of E School

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