



# Gentleshaw Primary Academy

12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Key Worker & Learning Bubble Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have now come to the end of our second week of partial school opening. It has been wonderful to see the children in school and to regain some form of normality for them. Our team have been working hard to ensure that the children feel safe, secure and supported.

The safety of our pupils and staff is at the forefront of what we do and in line with government guidance and social distancing, we have a limit to the number of pupils that can be in each bubble based upon age and classroom size. Over the last week the number of children accessing the school provision has risen and we cannot assure you that a place will be available for your child. Therefore, please be aware of the following:

### KEY WORKER BUBBLES

- All applications for the Key Worker Bubbles must be made using the online form by **12 noon on a Wednesday for the following week**. Applications made after this may not be processed.
- You will be contacted by text to confirm if and when your child has a place in the Key Worker Bubble. If you do not receive a text message by 12 noon on the Thursday, please contact the academy office.
- We cannot guarantee that all applications will be met and spaces will be assigned on a first come basis.
- Arrangements should be made in advance for dropping off at a later time or picking up early.

### LEARNING BUBBLES

- If you would like your child to join their cohort Learning Bubble, you must contact the academy office by **12 noon on a Wednesday for the following week**. We will then be able to confirm if your child is able to take a place. It will not be possible for us to accommodate children at shorter notice as preparations need to be made.
- We cannot guarantee that all requests will be met and for the safety of our children, our Learning Bubbles have a limited number of places.
- It is not possible for us to take requests for Bubble A or B.
- Please ensure that pupils are dropped off punctually at the allocated time for their group.

### REMINDERS

- If your child or anyone in your household begins to display Covid 19 symptoms, please contact the academy office as soon as possible. In this situation, the child (even if it is not them in the household that is displaying the symptoms) will not be able to attend. They will be able to access a Covid 19 test in order to determine if they can return.
- We kindly ask that children do not bring anything into school other than a water bottle and packed lunch.
- For the safety of our children and staff we remind parents/carers to follow social distancing rules at all times. In the instance that a family does not adhere to this, we will be unable to accept the child into the academy.

I wholly appreciate that this is a very unpredictable time and that situations at home and work can change at short notice. However in order for us to ensure that that we reduce the risk to all pupils attending we ask that you follow our academy protocol. Please do not hesitate to contact the academy office if you have any questions or queries.

Thank you for your continued support.

*G. Parsons*

Headteacher