

22nd July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to provide you with further details about our reopening plans in September. The last day of this term is Wednesday 22nd July. The school will reopen to pupils on Thursday 3rd September.

When we open in September, school start and finish times will be staggered in order to avoid congestion and to reduce the likelihood of pupils coming into contact with others outside of their class bubble and transport zone. There are limited entrance and exit points into the school, and whilst I appreciate the inconvenience this may cause, we feel that this is a necessary precaution in order to protect your children.

Start and finish times from the 3rd September will be:

Students brought to and from school by:	School start time:	School finish time:
Parents/ carers	8.45am	2.30pm
Havering Transport	9.00am	2.45pm
Essex, Barking and Dagenham and Thurrock Transport	9.15am	3.00pm

If your child travels to and from school by transport provided by local authorities, please contact them directly to discuss your child's collection/ drop off time.

Existing transport users do not need to reapply, however, any families who would like to be considered for travel assistance within Havering, will need to submit an application online at:

https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20006/schools_and_education/431/school_support/12

During the school day staff will be taking extra care to keep your child's classroom environment clean. Activities will be designed to promote social distancing where possible. We are aware many of our pupils will not be able to adhere to any social distancing or hygiene guidelines and PPE is available for staff to wear if needed. Resources will not be shared between pupils and additional sanitation and cleaning procedures will be carried out at regular intervals. Our specialist rooms, for example, soft play, will not be



opening at the start of term on health and safety grounds. Only essential visitors will be permitted to enter the school building.

Pupils will eat in their class bubbles. To avoid the risk of cross contamination we are asking pupils to bring in their own drinks each day. If you would also like to send your child's own cutlery you are than welcome to do so. These will be all be sent home each day.

If your child should need to be changed during the school day, their soiled clothes will be bagged securely and sent home to be washed. Please ensure that your child has a spare change of clothes in their bag in case of emergency.

Hand wash stations are positioned around school. Staff and pupils will wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day; staff will support children with this as needed. Please do not send your child in with their own supply of hand sanitiser as this may be hazardous to other pupils.

We have really missed working directly with your children. The home learning activities and interactive sessions have allowed staff and pupils to maintain contact throughout this unusual period, but these are not the same as 1:1 interaction in a school environment. All staff are looking forward to welcoming our pupils back, and we will do everything possible to adapt to a 'new normal' to ensure the very best outcomes for your children.

Further updates will continue to be sent over Summer holidays so please continue to regularly check Parentmail and the school website.

On behalf of all of the staff at Forest Approach, I would like to thank you for your continued support over the past few months and wish you a safe, peaceful and relaxing Summer

Yours faithfully.

Mary Bickmore
Head Teacher