



Franklin Times

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Dear Franklinites

We trust you are all well.

Here at Franklin we are busy preparing for the possible return of nursery, reception, year one and year six children in two weeks' time; from the week beginning 1st June. The safety, health and wellbeing of everyone is of course our highest priority. Hence, we are planning a staggered return, this will allow us to ensure all new safety protocols are understood and followed.

I must emphasise that the government has stated that all re-opening plans will depend on infection rates decreasing and has indicated that it won't make its final decision until May 28th.

Furthermore, guidance says that no more than 15 children should be in a classroom, 13 in a nursery setting; thus we will create learning pods for when the children return, splitting classes into two, allowing us to manage the number of pupils and staff that your children play and learn with whilst at Franklin. If your child has specific health vulnerabilities, guidance dictates that they should not return at this time.

Unfortunately, siblings outside of the identified year groups will not be able to attend school. In addition, it will be important that we avoid large numbers of children and parents gathering at the beginning and end of the school day. This will mean we will have to stagger the times that year groups arrive and leave; we will send through this information as soon as the government gives the green light to open.

If your child is already attending our community classroom for key worker and vulnerable children, they can continue to do so regardless of which year group they are in and we would encourage them to continue to attend.

Please do bear with us, I know that many of you will already have lots of questions, but I would ask for your patience and understanding as we continue to organise the return to school.

In the meantime, please do continue to encourage your child with their home learning – we have seen such wonderful work on Seesaw, some of which is below.

Rest assured, for those year groups not in school, home learning will continue throughout the transition period.



Natalia in Royal Holloway's beautiful leaf butterfly.



Jesse in MiT has learnt to ride his bicycle: well done!

