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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your children are all safe and keeping well. As we informed you last week we will be re-opening Greenbank Primary School on Monday 1st June. In accordance with Liverpool Local Authority guidance, Greenbank will be opening but only for the children of Key Workers and those that are vulnerable. The decision on when other pupils will return to school will be under constant review and we will keep you updated as further decisions are made.

We are doing everything we can to maximise the safety of the children in our school, the staff working with them and to provide all with a safe space to work in. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been undertaking very comprehensive risk assessments incorporating guidance from both the Department for Education and Liverpool Local Authority. Following this we want to give you an insight into what school will look like from 1st June and the different ways we will be operating.

We understand the differing circumstances of all our families and the decision as to whether to send your child into school is yours to make. As advised by the Government you will not be fined if you choose not to send your child into school. If your child is classed as 'vulnerable' and had to self-isolate due to a medical condition such as asthma we would remind you that they should not return to school at the present time.

Information for those returning on June 1st

Although your child will be returning to Greenbank, you will need to prepare them so that they know the school they are returning to will be very different. The information below should help you to do that. We would also like to reassure you that great consideration has been given to the curriculum that we will be following on our return. We consider the learning and activities the children will be participating in to be a 'bridge' between what they usually do in school and what they have been provided with in the Hubs. Where possible the children back at Greenbank will be following many of the activities in the home learning projects. In addition to this there will be lots of activities to help the children make the transition back into school with a focus on well-being to meet their social and emotional needs. There will also be lots of opportunities for physical and outdoor play. If your family has experienced a bereavement during this time, please make us aware and let us know if you wish to access any additional support for your child.

- School will be open from 8:30am – 3:30pm
- There will be no breakfast or after school provision
- All children (including Nursery and Reception) will enter and exit through the gate on Arlington Avenue
- The gate on Arlington Avenue will be open from 8:30 – 9:00am and again from 3:00 -3:30pm
- If you are dropping your child off after 9am or collecting them before 3pm please use the entrance on Mossley Avenue. Only one parent at a time will be permitted to enter the building by the school office. We kindly ask that all parents adhere to the '2 metre social distancing' rule at both drop off and collection times. Staff will be on duty to offer guidance if you are unsure where to wait.
- At the current time children will not need to wear school uniform. We do ask if your child is bringing a hoodie/jacket or other removable item of clothing that you put their name in it.
- School dinners will be provided under the usual arrangements or your child can bring a packed lunch if they wish. The school dinner menu may differ from usual to begin with as we also have to apply 'social distancing' in the school kitchen.



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- Your child will need to bring their own water bottle and this will be taken home each day.
- We will provide children with a snack at around 10am each day.
- Please can you ensure your child brings no additional items into school such as school bags or pencil cases. If there are any items you feel your child needs to bring please discuss this with the member of staff on duty at the gate and they will advise.
- Hot weather is forecast for early next week so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and they bring with them a hat/cap and also sunglasses. Please also apply sunscreen before school.
- Your child will be expected to clean their hands using either soap and water or hand sanitiser upon entering the building.
- Regular handwashing will be timetabled into the school day and children will be guided to follow other good practice related to hygiene.
- If your child shows any signs of COVID-19 they will be isolated from other pupils and you will be asked to collect them.

To support social distancing:

- There will be no large gatherings of pupils.
- A one-way system has been put into place in school which staff and children will be expected to adhere to.
- There is a maximum capacity of people allowed in each room which means your children will be placed in smaller groups. In most classrooms there will be a maximum of 8 people. For the time being these are being referred to as a 'Bubble'. School staff will be in each 'Bubble' to lead activities and support the children throughout the day.
- Children will not necessarily be with their own teacher or in their own classroom, but children will be grouped broadly based on age. Groupings will largely be dependent on the numbers of pupils returning to school and their ages.
- We will implement staggered playtimes and lunchtimes. Children will be expected to maintain social distancing and will remain in their 'social bubble' throughout the day. Some parts of the playground, play equipment and toys will be inaccessible or have been removed completely, so please make your children aware that there will be some different rules regarding break and lunchtimes.
- In the classrooms 'social distancing' will also be adhered to and there will be stickers on each desk to indicate which seats can and cannot be used.

This is by no means a comprehensive list of the measures that have been put into place in school and the adaptations we are having to make. We understand that this is a very difficult time for all our children and families and some will find it easier to cope with this transition than others. This has been a time of significant change for the staff at Greenbank too, but our priority remains to support your children through the weeks ahead whether they are in school or remaining at home.

The most recent list of Key workers and children classified as vulnerable can be found using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>. This link will also be on our school web site for easy access.

We thank you for your patience and on-going support. Please stay safe!

Yours faithfully

Mrs Wrigley

Head Teacher