# Attenborough School Sennelager Garrison BFPO 16



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Friday 5th June 2020

Dear Year 2 Children and parents,

In light of the recent announcement, we are delighted to be returning to school on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.** 

I repeat what I have said continuously throughout our closure in that I have been so impressed with the level of effort and enthusiasm towards the home learning tasks we have been setting and the commitment from you as families to helping your child continue in their education remotely. When experimenting with Zoom as a concept for communication, I was so pleased that everyone was able to get this up and running, despite some initial technical difficulties.

After much planning, many meetings and a lot of organisation, we are pleased to say a gradual return to the classroom has finally arrived! That being said, the return to school will not be exactly how it was before our closure. Throughout all of our planning meetings, our number one priority is to maintain your safety, so there have been some strategies put in place to ensure you all meet the expectations for social distancing and maintain personal hygiene levels to avoid the spread of any germs.

# So, what can you expect on your return to Attenborough School? Arriving in school

You will arrive to school down the driveway past the Dental Centre. We ask that you arrive by car in the initial weeks and we are looking at allowing parents and children the option of cycling / walking in the future.

You will be greeted by Mr Chapman at the school's main entrance and be expected to use hand sanitiser before entering the school building. Children and adults who enter the school building must be wearing or will be provided with a face and nose covering. You will then keep your social distance from others and walk directly to our classroom.

#### **Working areas**

Shared areas such as cloakrooms and the ICT suite will not be in use for the time being. However, key working areas have been organised to meet the social distancing standards. Our classroom has been arranged to facilitate 'social distancing' and you will be provided with your own resources to use throughout the day. Although cloakrooms will not be in use so an additional chair will be provided for you to store all your belongings, such as your coat and lunchbox.

#### **Classroom air circulation**

All teachers have been instructed to open the windows and doors to their classrooms for the entire day to improve air circulation. Statistics state that good air circulation or outdoor learning, can reduce the spread of germs.









We would advise that individuals wear appropriate school uniform and bring additional jumpers, tights or trousers to ensure you stay warm throughout the school day, should the weather be cooler as all windows and doors in classrooms will remain open throughout the school day. When possible, we will partake in outdoor learning.

#### **School Day**

Our school day will also look a little different to what you might usually expect.

To reduce the risk of accidental contact, we have reduced break and lunch times and created safe social distancing areas for year groups to sit and eat their snacks/ packed lunch. Supervised play may also be possible. Due to this shorter period of 'free time', the school day will also be shorter than before.

#### **Packed Lunch and Snacks**

You have received a letter regarding provision of 'free' Packed Lunches, however, it remains an option for you to provide your child with a pack lunch should you wish to do so. All children should be provided with a healthy snack from home for morning 'break'. As part of the phase opening, we would like to avoid large gathering or shared use of central areas. There will be a rota for lunch times. Should multiple year groups be in the school on the same day, they will be eating lunch separately in the hall and will have designated spaces that is individual to each child. These will be sanitised before and after use. As the weather gets warmer, it is advised that you also have an ice pack in your lunch box.

#### School timings below for our year group

Each year group has been given a slightly different timetable. This will allow us to stagger arrival and departure times. It also enables us to ensure social distancing measures are kept to at all times. In addition to this, the school day and week will be shorter than usual. Please see the timetable below for Y2's specific times.

### Home/ Remote Learning for our year group

We will only be in for one day a week initially with the potential for further contact days in the future when guidance and regulations allow this. We will communicate any updates to you should we decide to offer increased opportunities for face-to-face learning. For the days that you are not in school, I will continue to set home learning tasks that follow a similar pattern to the content previously set.

#### **Going home**

At the end of the day, you will be instructed to clear your individual workstation in your classroom (apart from the provided stationary) and also take all of your belongings with you. We will place all additional resources on the chairs to allow our cleaners easy access to the surfaces. We will then exit the classroom, sanitising our hands on the way out and will make our way to the drop off and pick up location where you will be able to return to your parents in their car.

I hope that this letter and the attached video has provided the answers to any questions that you may have. If you or your child have any further questions that you would like answered, please send them to me via a seesaw message (children feel free to send me a video message) and I will do my best to find the answers for you.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday,

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Parkinson

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## Year 2

## To commence Wednesday 10th June

Year	Day	Start	Session	Snack	Session	Lunchtime	Session	Finish	Teacher
Group		time	1		2		3	time	
2	Wednesday	0915hrs	0920-	1050-	1110-	1245-	1315-	1350hrs	Mr
			1050hrs	1110hrs	1245hrs	1315hrs	1350hrs		Parkinson







