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Dear Parents,

Since Monday the Government has released a number of documents to give guidance to both schools and parents regarding what needs to be done to get ready for our school to potentially reopen, in a 'phased return, on 1 June 2020, and what parents can expect.

Below you will find a number of information sheets that outline and hopefully address what we consider to be some of the more overarching issues and worries that you may have, as we move closer to the date of the 'phased' reopening. This information has been extracted from the most up to date guidance that was available at the time of making them. This guidance is regularly updated by the government, and we are continually in the process of amending plans we make to reflect this.

However, by next week we hope to be in a position to give you details concerning the staggered start and finish timings for the different year groups returning, how we are grouping the children to reduce the numbers of children within a classroom, and the staggered structure for the school day that we will be implementing, to help minimise the social mixing of the children.

For those of you who wish to read the government guidance in full, I have also attached links to the most current documents at the bottom of this letter. I hope you and you families continue to remain safe and well and we thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Head
Principal

Why can more children go to school?



It is good for children's mental wellbeing.



It is good for children to socialise with other children.



School is the best place for them to learn.

What has changed?



June 1st

Nursery

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6



Key worker & vulnerable children

From June 1st we will welcome back children, but only from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and year 6. School will still be open for key workers' children and vulnerable children.

What about their brothers and sisters?



Only children in the year groups above.



Children in years 2 - 5 need to stay at home



They should keep using online learning materials provided by the school.

How are we making sure school is as safe as possible?



We will check for risks before school is open.



Everyone will wash their hands regularly.



If a child or family member is sick they can not come to school.



School will be cleaned regularly.



There will be less children in a room together.



To do this we will need to make changes to the school day.

Does my child have to come to school ?



If your child is well and in one of the groups asked to attend they should.



There will be no fines if your child does not go to school.

Will my child be tested?



Yes, if your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus they will have access to a test.

All staff and students will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus.

What if there is a case of Coronavirus in school?



The person with symptoms must self isolate for 7 days.



The people they live with must self isolate for 14 days.



If anyone at school tests positive, the whole class they are in must self isolate for 14 days.

What else might change?



The time you drop off and pick up your child.



Your child may have a different classroom & teacher.



They may not have all their normal lessons.



We will change how we serve lunch.

Website addresses for the most up to date guidance concerning the 'phased' return of schools on 1 June 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>