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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am now in a position to outline some of the key points with regard to the possible reopening of the school, from the 8th June, to those children from priority year groups, as well as the children of critical workers. **It is vital that parents and carers note that the school will only open when all the necessary policies, risk assessments and procedures are in place, which means the possibility that the school will NOT open on the 8th June still remains and that all plans are subject to change if staff availability changes.**

At the moment, the number of children from the priority groups, whose parents have indicated their child will be returning to school from the 8th June, means that currently the school needs to provide

- 4 classes for critical workers
- 4 classes for EYFS
- 3 classes for Year 1

This means that, currently, we have no spare staff to accommodate any more children. Therefore at this point we will be **unable** to welcome back all of the **children from Year 6**. However, this decision will be kept under review and if possible we will try to allow Year 6 to return before the end of term. However we cannot guarantee this as it is impossible to predict how things may change at this time.

Both the staff and children will have to get used to new routines and expectations as well as being possibly taught by a new teacher in a different classroom and I will send out information about this in the week beginning the 1st June. To try and ensure a smooth as possible transition back to school for the children, if the school does reopen as planned, we will be operating a phased return.

- Children of critical workers from year 2,3,4,5 and 6 will return to school on a full time basis on 8th June.
- Year 1 children will return on a full time basis on 11th June.
- Reception children on a full time basis on 15th June.

Please note that from the week beginning 8th June children of critical workers in EYFS and Year 1 will return as part of their own year group and not in the critical worker category.



Another point to note is that the school will close at lunchtime on Friday, of each week, to allow teachers to receive planning and preparation time. Teachers will continue to provide on- line learning, as well as planning for those children in school. Therefore to enable them to manage their workload it is vital that they receive this time out of the classroom. Usually this planning and preparation time would be covered by additional staff, however the government guidelines does not allow for this as class groups can only have contact with the staff in their bubble during the week. This time will also be used to provide time for a more thorough clean at the end of the week.

Over the next two weeks we will continue to keep you informed of any changes to the reopening of school. More information, about the new routines, expectations and timetables, including the staggered starting and finishing times will be provided in the week beginning the 1st June. Children will also be informed of who their class teacher will be and which classroom they will be in. If you have currently not indicated that you want your child to return to school, you will need to give a weeks' notice of a return before your child can be eligible for a place.

The Government has produced further information for parents and carers. This information provides answers to a number of key questions, including:

- *Why can more children now attend school and childcare settings?*
- *What does the latest scientific advice say?*
- *Can my child return to school?*
- *What if my child is eligible but has siblings who are not?*
- *How will risks to children, teachers and families be managed?*
- *If my child is eligible, is it compulsory for them to attend school?*
- *Do all vulnerable children and young people who are not currently attending have to go back to childcare settings, school or college now?*
- *Should I keep my child at home if they have an underlying health condition or live with someone in a clinically vulnerable group?*
- *Can children be tested for the virus?*
- *What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in my child's school, college or childcare setting?*
- *Will education be provided as normal to children and young people who are attending?*
- *How should my child travel to and from their childcare, school or college?*
- *Will school meals be available for children and young people who are in school?*
- *Will childcare, schools and colleges keep their usual opening hours?*

You can find the detailed answers to these questions by following the link:

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

I appreciate that there is an awful lot of information to take in and digest so please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions. Thank you all for your continued cooperation and patience

Kind regards

K Heyes
Head Teacher



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