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Dear Parents,

Now that The Government has confirmed that it is safe for schools and early years settings to start welcoming back some priority year groups, I would just like to confirm that we will be opening both schools as planned from Monday 1st June.

The Governors are happy with our risk assessments and know that we will continue to review these on a day to day basis. Thank you to everyone for letting us know your decisions about whether you would like your child to come back into school. For those of you whose children are coming in next week, I would like to remind you that we are asking for children to come back in their year groups so that they can be back with their peers in the most appropriate learning environment.

These are as follows at both schools:

Longhorsley:

Monday 1st June	8.30 - 3.15	Children in Years 2,3,4 of critical workers and any children classed as vulnerable (within the vulnerable group as identified by the government)
Wednesday 3rd June	8.45 - 11.45	Nursery children
Wednesday 3rd June	9.15 - 3.00	Reception children
Friday 5th June	9.00 – 3.30	Year 1 children

Whalton:

Monday 1st June	8.30 - 3.15	Children of critical workers and any children classed as vulnerable in Years 2,3,4,5.
Tuesday 2nd June	8.45 - 3.00	Reception and Year 1 children.
Thursday 4th June	9.00 - 3.30	Year 6 children

Please can I also re-emphasise the following from my previous letter about what the children must bring with them:

- their own named pencil case to leave in school -children cannot come into school without one as unfortunately we are unable to provide stationery
- their filled named water bottle - these will need to go home to be washed and re-filled at the end of the day
- their own sunhat and to come wearing plenty of sunscreen

Please also remember that **no bags** are allowed at all in school and that children need to wear their **own non-school uniform clothes** but that they must be suitable for doing PE in and going outside (please remember that they must be able to put on their own shoes - so no laces if they cannot independently tie them). A 'grab bag' lunch will be provided to every child, and there will be a choice.

For you as parents, please can you:

- come alone to drop off or pick up
- stick to the staggered times in order for the social distancing to work
- park away from the school gate and leave it clear, so that all parents have the necessary space to social distance

Home Learners

For those children still home learning, or who are starting school later in the week, there will be Maths and English workbooks left outside of school (in the first half of the playground at Whalton and in front of the main entrance area at Longhorsley) for every child. These will be available to collect between 11 - 12 on Monday 1st June or after school finishes from half 3.

Afternoon activities linked to all other subjects will continue to be posted online by class teachers. Please remember that class teachers will be back to teaching and therefore no work needs to be submitted. The booklets have been specifically chosen as they have parental guides included, as well using the White Rose videos. If your child has more than one year group booklet included, it is to support them when working independently or to challenge them further if needed. If you have any problems at all coming to collect these, please just give either school a ring and we will see what we can do to help.



Finally, please remember that if you need to discuss something with a member of staff, please ring the individual school and make an appointment for a telephone call or send us an email using the school's admin email address:

longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk or whaltonadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk as we will be unable to stand and talk to you as we normally would.

As I said in my previous letter, we have worked hard to put practical control measures in place to ensure the safety of all children and staff as much as we can. We will keep you updated if this has to change at any point. Although it is not the summer term we all wished for, we will welcome all of the children coming back with big smiles and look forward to seeing you all on the different days next week. There will be notices to help direct you and the children and a member of the senior leadership team to meet and greet you (at a socially acceptable distance) every morning.



Please take care and stay safe.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Brannen

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs Brannen".

Executive Headteacher

