



'Ensuring Excellence'

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Dear Parents,

As you can imagine the days since the Prime Minister's announcement have been full of discussions, planning and decision making. I shared a link to the Parents' guidance document to the changes that need to be in place in order for there to be a potential reopening of school on Monday June 1 for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

I wanted to take this opportunity to outline some of the broad measures we are going to be taking. The guidance from government continues to be refined on a daily basis. Further clarification specific to children and the reopening of school will be available once this has been finalised.

### **Key Measures**

- children will be arranged into 'social groups' this means that each class will be split into two or three groups with an allocated teacher and the **year group** will also be allocated teaching assistants. The idea being the **only people** you will see in school will be the people in your social groups. There will be a maximum of 15 children in each group.
- The school environment will be adapted to maximise the opportunity for social distancing in line with the guidance
- The school day will be strictly timetabled for each social group and this **MUST** be adhered to. This will include start times, break times, lunch times and collection times.
- There will be clear guidance on how your child will come to school. Only **ONE ADULT** can accompany children to school and if you need to bring siblings they **MUST** stay with the adult accompanying the family at all times, maintaining 2m social distance. They **CANNOT** socialise with other children or adults outside of their household. Where possible, we recommend using alternative arrangements for children not attending school
- Handwashing will be factored into the structure of the school day
- Children will have their own work station including learning resources (the same every day) and their own space in the hall for lunchtime the same every day
- The cleaning schedule will be adapted to meet the needs of school and school will have been deep cleaned before children return by June 1
- Visitors into school will be very limited.
- If you wish to contact the school please do so via email or telephone. You will not be able to go to the office
- You will also not be able to speak to staff in the way you are used to on arrival and collection. The use of the 'Me To You' will also not be available.
- The guidance is clear that the wearing of PPE by staff and children every day is not required.



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- School will continue to provide education for those children at home in all year groups
- The delivery of the curriculum will be adapted to maximise social distance and minimise the sharing of resources

On their return to school, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be following their usual curriculum. However, we are acutely aware that this ongoing situation has been difficult for many people in different ways. The emotional health and wellbeing of the children will be our priority at this time.

It is crucial that time is spent preparing your children for returning to a school that will look and feel very different. Information we intend to send out by the end of next week will enable these discussions in more depth but the broad themes to consider are:

- your child will be working in smaller groups and therefore may not be in a group with all of their class friends
- your child may be taught by a teacher other than their usual class teacher and could be in a different classroom base
- children will only be able to socialise with the children and adults in their class (maximum of 15)
- children will be expected to try and maintain social distance so explaining the concept of the bubble as outlined in the newsletter would be beneficial
- children will only have access to limited rooms within the school building and movement will be restricted within those areas in order to maintain social distance
- classrooms will look different as all unnecessary furniture and resources will be removed

I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that the children, staff and community remain at the forefront of all decisions being made in light of the government guidance that has been issued.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it is really appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



M Cross