



Millfield Primary School

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For parents of ALL children

Dear Parents,

Update on the School's reopening position

When I first wrote to you (May 22nd) about the Government's wish that schools reopen to certain year groups, I was careful to stress that any plans the School may have could well change at any time, as guidelines change, staff availability changes etc.

I wrote to you all last Friday (May 29th) with information on the School's reopening position at that time. I should like to take this opportunity to give you a further update.

From Monday June 8th

We will be increasing the number of children of critical workers to 70+ as parents from that priority group return to work. The children will be organised in bubbles as explained in my letter last week.

Reopening to Year 1

In my letter last week I explained that Year 1 would be the most likely year group we would reopen to first. I can confirm:

- parents of Y1 children have already been asked who would like a place for their child
- I had a 'sign off' meeting with the Trust yesterday regarding the School's reopening plans, risk assessments etc and I hope to have written agreement/confirmation from the Trust this week that we can admit those Y1 children
- As soon as I have received this, then I shall inform the parents who requested a place, of their child's start date.

Might we reopen to another year group?

We *hope* to reopen to:

- Y6 nearer the end of term

This will be confirmed nearer the time as the staffing situation becomes firmer.

Who will we NOT be reopening to this academic year?

We will not be reopening to:

- Nursery
- Reception
- Y2
- Y3
- Y4
- Y5

Are there any exceptions to this?

Yes - we *must* continue to consider taking children from *any year group* if:

- you are a critical worker **and** there is nobody at home to look after your child
- or your child is considered to be vulnerable
- **and** we have the capacity to do so in a way that is safe for children and staff.

Might this reopening plan change for other year groups?

If the Government reduces the social distancing guidelines *and* this is supported by the Trust, then we *may* be able to consider increasing the number of children in each bubble, *as long as* we have the staff available.

Will the google classroom continue? Yes:

- all staff are contributing to the google classroom with learning that is appropriate for your child
- staff who are not on site, or who are on site part time, will be the people most likely to respond to your child's learning in the first instance

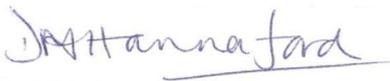
When the Trust reviewed the provision for home learning across all of its schools, Millfield staff were praised for:

- the high quality and variety of learning opportunities made available to children and
- the support provided to families to help children engage in learning at home.

I understand there are many frustrations during this time, for all of us - many of these are because there is so much uncertainty about so many things. As and when I have some 'definites' around your child's schooling, I will update you.

In the meantime, please contact me if you have any queries, and stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs D. M. Hannaford
Principal