



# Carrington Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Reopening of school to Year 6 children

You will know by now from the news that it is planned for schools in England to reopen from 1 June onwards for Year 6 children, in addition to vulnerable children and children of key workers already attending school settings.

The government and local authority will be confirming if conditions have been met for this to happen on 28<sup>th</sup> May. Pending this confirmation, Carrington Junior School has put in place plans to reopen to children on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

It's a very unsettling time for us all; but rest assured that we have been spending our time since the government announcement to do everything we can to be ready to receive your child into Year 6 as safely as is possible. We have undertaken a comprehensive local risk assessment and based on all the government and Local Authority guidance available, and we have created new protocols for Year 6 return to school that we shall share with you. These protocols will be sent to you later this week so that you know what the school's reopening will look like in practice and how to prepare your child for their return. It is important to understand that school and school life will significantly different due to measures which have had to be introduced for the safety of our children and staff. Whilst we cannot remove all risk, we have closely followed government guidance.

It is important that you discuss what social distancing means and why it is important with your child.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/cco-childrens-guide-to-coronavirus.pdf>

Precautions we'll be taking include:

- Limiting social interaction by having class sizes of only 10 children – with each group being limited to their hub classroom and outside spaces all day. **These groups have been carefully organised, taking several factors into consideration and are not subject to change.**
- Setting up social distancing protocols for all- children, staff and parents
- Making sure frequent handwashing and additional hygiene measures are carried out to protect everyone
- Delivering a revised curriculum – focusing on English, maths and PSHE daily to cater for wellbeing, with science and topic, including as much outside activity as possible
- Staggering lunch, break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning at school throughout the day and after school – within classroom hubs and around the school
- Giving you information to help you to prepare for your child to attend school. This will include:
  1. Class arrangements,
  2. Dropoff, pickup times,
  3. Behaviour expectations
  4. A list of what children need to bring to school
  5. A Home School Agreement to respond to by email by 2nd June

Please note - It is still vital that you keep your child at home and continue with home learning if they or anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms or if your child is clinically vulnerable. Please refer to government guidance for these definitions and further details of these groups. If your child or household has experienced symptoms, we will ask you to give us evidence of testing before your child returns to school. There will be details of how to book a test in the guidance provided.

**Although it is recommended that Year 6 children return to school, you are under no obligation to do so.**

Children who return to school are expected to do so on a continuous basis with normal expectations of daily attendance, so they can fully benefit from the routine of being back at school and the learning and support. If you decide to withdraw your child from in-school provision, (unless this is because your child is required to self-isolate) we shall assume this will be on a permanent basis and they will not be expected to re-enter the class hub.

Our aim is to keep your child as safe as possible in school and to do this it is important to keep the number of school-based contacts to a minimum. This means we are also saying that Year 6 children coming into school should not attend either Breakfast or After School Clubs.

We'd like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. We'll keep you updated once we know more about when schools will be able to reopen for other year groups. At this point there may be some changes to our procedures and protocols.

If you decide to keep your child home beyond 2nd June, we'll continue to support you and them with home learning, and meal support for those eligible. Please stay in touch with us about how your child is getting on.

It is also very important that if you know that a member of your household is showing symptoms of Covid 19 then your child **must** remain at home.

When you receive the further guidance mentioned in this letter, it will also be posted onto the school website along with the relevant government guidance documents. Please check this information before you contact us with any queries you may have. If you have any queries that are not answered by this information, please contact the school office by email.

Yours sincerely



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