

# ELLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Education without Compromise

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families are managing to stay safe and well given the circumstances with which we continue to be faced.

As stated in last week's letter, although our school has been closed to the majority of children, we have been caring for the children of key workers and vulnerable children in all year groups since 23<sup>rd</sup> March and we will continue to do so.

The letter followed the Government's announcement that schools may open to more children from 1<sup>st</sup> June at the earliest. These would be children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

Since the announcement, we have been planning with Governors and the Senior Leadership Team to see whether we could potentially re-open school from 1<sup>st</sup> June to children in these year groups.

We have consulted with staff to see if they would be able to return safely and evaluated our teaching spaces in order to determine our capacity to increase pupil numbers and we have also completed a detailed risk assessment that takes account of guidance that has been received.

Last night, the governors met to evaluate all the information and possible options available to us. They also took account of the experiences of staff and children of key workers who have been in school over the last two months and the views of many parents with whom we have spoken.

After careful consideration, and taking account of the constraints of our site and the fact that a significant number of risks identified remain high in spite of the measures put in place to mitigate them, it was decided that:

**Ellington Primary School will not re-open on the 1<sup>st</sup> June other than to vulnerable children and children on our list of key workers. This decision will be reviewed by governors on 11<sup>th</sup> June in light of emerging medical and scientific evidence.**

Teachers will continue planning and presenting learning opportunities via our school website for all children at home.

We can assure you that this decision has been made with the safety and wellbeing of the children, parents, staff and the community at the centre and we thank you for your continued support during this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K Vardy  
Headteacher

Mr B Nelson  
Chair of Governors