

14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents,

I am sure you will all be more than aware that last Sunday evening the Government announced its intention that Primary schools should plan to welcome back certain year groups of children from 1<sup>st</sup> June provided the situation at that time suggests that this should go ahead. There has also been much speculation and opinion in the press. This week's message from me is accompanied by a letter from Dr Aulton, our Chair of Governors. Please do take time to read this as it contains important information as to how we are preparing. I would also like to reassure you all that, on a personal level, I have been doing a lot of research into the medical science in order to ensure that any actions we plan to take will be sound and will protect both your children and our staff.

I do hope you are all continuing to keep well and positive in the midst of uncertainty and change. I am aware that as your home circumstances change with the gradual relaxation of the lockdown you may foresee a need for our support in caring for your children. I am therefore also re-sending the tier document which we have used throughout this time, as we are still restricted as to how many places we are able to offer. As more children begin to be welcomed back into school, our capacity to offer child care is liable to be reduced due to staffing and space. If you feel you may need our support, then please e-mail the school office and we will get back to you once the picture is clear. As always it is our intention to work with you all to support the children and yourselves.

I do hope your children enjoyed seeing the montages posted on the VLE for each class this week of their teachers and of the support staff in our school. Our VLE and website do not support video, but the staff all wanted the children to be reassured that they were being thought of often and that we all miss them. Hopefully this time will – in the now foreseeable future – come to an end, and we can welcome them back in person. I would like to reassure you all that the emotional and mental well-being of the children will be our first priority at that time. This has been an unprecedented time for us all, and the children will need time to reacclimatise to the classroom and to a new way of working. Until then work will continue to be posted on the VLE for next week, which takes the children to half term.

As Dr Aulton says, as soon as we have any firm details regarding the plan to welcome the children we will let you know. In the meantime, I thank you for your continued patience and support – as you can imagine I have much guidance from both the Government and the Local Authority to read and apply as we work on our plans.

Mrs K. Tamlyn

Head Teacher

Tier	Descriptor
Tier 1 – will be allocated a place first where available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NHS frontline clinical staff or administrators (e.g. NHS 911 etc.) working directly with Coronavirus patients;</li><li>• First responders (i.e. paramedics or those who support them);</li><li>• Police officers and some civilian police staff (e.g. dispatchers);</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firefighters;</li> <li>• Those in NHS support services needed to keep hospitals and clinics running – e.g. hospital porters, full time hospital cleaners etc. (Please explain when you contact us.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tier 2</b> – will be allocated a place when all places are not used by Tier 1 parents</p> <p>(first waiting list)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other frontline NHS workers (e.g. midwives, pathologists, CT scan operators, radiographers);</li> <li>• Teachers and other school staff required to be in school (so that we all support the childcare of the key workers);</li> <li>• Local authority staff working in key emergency planning roles;</li> <li>• Some Ministry of Defence personnel.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tier 3</b> – keyworkers who may be needed should the crisis further escalate</p> <p>(second waiting list – clinical staff offered first)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those in other NHS/private care roles who will not be called upon to assist in coronavirus cases (e.g. care home essential staff, researchers, private pharmacists, OT, NHS administrators, other medical specialities etc.);</li> <li>• Social workers;</li> <li>• Those involved with the supply chain for supermarkets and pharmacies (i.e. supermarket delivery drivers and those in supporting logistics roles);</li> <li>• Those working in key transport roles (train drivers, bus drivers);</li> <li>• Prison officers and some other prison staff or involved in judicial system;</li> <li>• Those working in care or in meals on wheels;</li> <li>• Community police officers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tier 4</b> – probably not able to offer a place</p> <p>(third waiting list)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those involved in the water industry – delivery or maintenance;</li> <li>• ICT or telecoms workers in critical roles (please explain in e-mail);</li> <li>• Those employed in necessary government processes such as the payment of benefits;</li> <li>• Probation service staff;</li> <li>• Those involved in fuel or gas deliveries or maintenance;</li> <li>• Associated staff in support roles for transport services;</li> <li>• NHS medical students.</li> </ul>