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Dear Parent/Carers

Bankfoot will be closed for one week, Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May inclusive.

**We know many of you will be celebrating Eid this weekend: Eid Mubarak!**

### **SCHOOL OPENING FROM MONDAY 1 JUNE**

We had plans in place for a return on Monday 1 June as the government announced.

We have noted your responses. You do not feel it is safe for children to return to school.

We have met as a staff. We have met with the Governing Body. After careful consideration we have decided not to open to the suggested year groups on Monday 1 June.

### **Please note the following:**

#### **From Monday 1 June, 8am until 6pm if needed for Key Workers:**

- Children with Social Workers
- Children with EHCPs
- Children of Key Workers
- Any other family who wants to send children to school as a parent is working

Staff will meet to consider how we can best engage with families to ensure children are able to undertake meaningful learning during this time. We will also consider how we can open later in June and July so we can support you at home with the use of technology to make sure your child is able to have a learning routine. We want them to be ready for return to school, hopefully full time in September.

We also want to be prepared as possible, in case schools close again due to a 'second wave' as predicted. We realise that effective technology is a way forward. We will be looking at ways to improve the use for all members of the school community.



We will meet with the Governing Body on Wednesday 10 June to share these plans. Hopefully, if there is evidence of improvements, and it is safer, we will be open for more children.

### **SOCIAL DISTANCING – WHEN CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL**

Children will be organised in small groups. They will not be in their usual classrooms, or with their usual staff. They will remain with the same group of children. They will be positioned apart for all activities, though we recognise that this will be difficult for the younger children. We will try to ensure children and adults remain 2 metres apart, but this might not be the case if a child needs first aid for example.

#### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- there will be no collective worship or assemblies
- there will be breakfast club but no after school clubs
- there will be limited access to the building for necessary visitors
- markers will be used to indicate 2 metres
- cleaning will take place frequently during the day
- we will remove anything that cannot be easily cleaned; this will include soft furnishing
- children will be provided with their own pack of resources
- if someone develops symptoms **they will go home immediately and be advised to have a test**
- we will use infra-red no touch thermometers to check the temperature of all entering the building
- the building has been deep cleaned already
- cleaners will be on site to maintain cleaning during the day
- staff will have some protective items.

**We know there are many challenges ahead, and a great deal of uncertainty. We will keep the situation under review and keep you informed of changes.**

If you require more information, please contact Mrs Irfan(07495771350) or Mrs Wright(07415905388).

Yours faithfully



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Chair of Governing Body



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Headteacher

