



21st May 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you and your families are all keeping well. A few parents have indicated that they would like to bring their child/dren to school if it opens on the 1st June. The Government has indicated that they would like for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return to school however they continue to evaluate its scientific findings before making a final decision. The Government has made it known that they will inform schools on the 28th May of their decision if schools are to re-open.

If you have not told us your child will be starting on the 1st June or decide after the 1st June you would like for your child to start school you must give us 48 hours' notice. Please do not turn up with your child as we won't be able to start your child on the day without careful planning. **This is to ensure the safety of your child and others at school.**

We are currently working on a robust risk assessment, which will be in place, and complies with the guidance we have received from the Government and Local Authority.

As a school we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all children and staff. Despite all the planning currently taking place should the decision by the Government, on the 28th May be that schools must re-open, my staff will need at least 2 days to undertake necessary training with regards to social distancing and hygiene policies and practices and to prepare for the safe return of children.

From the 3rd day, groups of children would start returning in a phased manner; this would take place over the course of a few days. Year 6 will return on the 3rd of June however, to ensure an absolute robust system is in place there will be a staggered start and for the first 2 weeks all children will only do half days.

Year 1 children will return on the 4th June on a staggered start and will do half days.

Reception and Nursery will return on the 5th June for half a day and this will continue in the following week.

All children will go home at staggered times to ensure social distancing can be achieved on the school grounds. All DfE guidance has been adhered to achieve this.

I am certain you will agree we want all children and staff to be safe at school. Social distancing and good hygiene practices will be key in keeping everyone safe.



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We will continue to remain open for all key workers children and vulnerable groups.

When the children return to school they may not have their familiar class teacher as the Government guidance states there should be a class ratio of 1:15. This is still very hard to maintain social distancing hence our class ratios are lower. In order to maintain social distancing the children and the teacher in the class will form a “social bubble” and no other adult or child will be allowed in that class.

Once the children start staying for lunch they will be supervised throughout lunchtime by the same member of staff every day.

More information regarding timings etc will be shared once a decision to open school is made.

Current guidance to schools is that face masks are not necessary in education settings. However, PPE will be available for staff to use if required. For example, if a child showing Covid-19 symptoms needed close personal care in a confined space, or if the child fell ill and needed physical support while being escorted to another location. In almost all instances however, a child with Covid-19 symptoms will be able to be isolated without this type of attention while awaiting collection from their parents and use of PPE will not be necessary.

At this stage, we do not have any further information from the government about any children from Year 2-5 returning to school at any point in the near future. We hope that parents of children in these year groups can continue to use resources on Google Classroom and from other sources to support their children’s ongoing home learning.

Further information will be uploaded on the website and emailed later next week, but in the meantime please be assured that we are doing everything we can to open up the school for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children. We want to open school in a safe a manner as possible although I must stress social distancing in Nursery, Year 1 and Reception may be impossible despite best intentions. Thank you for your ongoing support with this. Have a wonderful week.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Chetty

Headteacher



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