



1st June 2020

Dear parents/carers,

June already! I hope you are remaining well and continuing to stay safe as we begin on the journey out of lockdown.

In school, preparations are well underway for wider school opening. We have made the decision that we will not be opening to Reception, Y1 and Y6 children until w.c. 15th June. This takes account of the SAGE report findings that risks to children associated with COVID-19 are approximately halved by waiting two more weeks. Given the levels of concern and anxiety surrounding children returning to school, I felt it made sense to wait.

Following staff meetings this morning, we have an agreed way forward for reintroducing more pupils into school and we will now be putting everything necessary in place for this.

I am in the process of producing some further information for parents of children in the affected year groups (Q & A document and Parents' Information leaflet) which will hopefully provide you with everything you need to know. I will get these out to you as soon as possible. In addition, the COVID-19 section of the website will be kept up to date with anything relevant.

Please be aware that we have planned our provision very carefully, taking account of the space available, staffing, social distancing, access, toilets etc. As a result, we have very little 'wiggle room' within our system. Due to the maximum capacity of each bubble, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to add any children to our existing lists; any additional requests for a place will need to be looked at and, depending on the bubble, children may have to be added to a waiting list. This is for the safety of all concerned and to enable us to observe social distancing as much as possible.

Following much consideration, bubbles have now been allocated two teams of staff to work with them: one for the beginning of the week and one for the end. This is to reduce the number of people in the building at one time – our school is small, and with all staff in, there is no way we can adhere to social distancing strictly. This could potentially lead to adults from one bubble coming into physically close (less than 2m) contact with adults from another bubble; we cannot allow this. By having two teams, the number of staff in the building is halved. To allow for Reception and Y6 teams (with part-time teaching staff) to have their planning time, make welfare calls etc., school will be closed to Reception and Year 6 every Wednesday. It will remain open to Year 1 and to key worker and vulnerable children.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing co-operation and understanding. Staff really appreciated the positive feedback and messages of thanks that many parents included in their survey responses.

Best wishes,

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