

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Updates regarding possible opening from June 1st for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6

I wanted to write to you with a few updates and some information which I thought would be useful to you around our decision making with regards to the possible reopening of school for pupils in Pre-school, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6. Please note I cannot give you specific information and plans at this stage due to ongoing risk assessments and decision making we are doing.

Thank you to those who completed the form last week stating if you were or were not planning to send your child to school if we open from June 1st. Our decision making is based on the numbers provided by those who have said they would like their child to return, as well as the number of children of critical keyworkers and vulnerable children that we have in school.

- Decisions around whether we can open for Pre-school, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 will depend on numbers attending, space available and staff available. This will be risk assessed against and in line with government guidance and whether we can open safely for all of those year groups.
- We will only be able to provide before and after school care to children of critical keyworkers and **will not** be providing Rangers to other children as previously suggested. This is due to the need to keep groups of children safely in 'bubbles'. (Specific groups of children).
- We will have a phased return for children in Pre-school, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 in order to ensure the school site is prepared. Pre-school and EYFS will be the first to attend, followed by Year 1, in that order. **Only if it is safe to do so, we will then open for Year 6.** Please be mindful that we may not be able to. These dates will be shared with you once our planning and risk assessing is completed.
- The Government has said that it will make an announcement on May 28th regarding school opening so we cannot confirm any dates with you at this stage.
- Children will be put into groups of no more than 15 and remain with this group of children each day. They will not mix with other groups. They may not be with their usual class teacher but will have a named member of staff with them, possibly from another year group.
- Children will not be in their usual classroom. We will need to use all classrooms within the school to support social distancing measures.
- We will have staggered start and end times to avoid congestion at school. Only one parent will be allowed to bring their child/children to school and pick up so that there are no gatherings around the school.
- We will have staggered playtimes and lunchtimes to allow for social distancing.
- Following Government guidelines, children will not be allowed to wear facemasks at school.
- If you have said no to your child attending school and change your mind, you will need to inform the school as soon as possible so a risk assessment can be carried out and we can check that it safe to do so with staffing and numbers.
- If you have told us you will be sending your child to school and change your mind, please inform school so that we can adjust our pupil numbers.

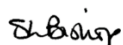
There is a lot of other information that we will share with you as and when we can. We have a meeting with our Advisory Board next week to share our risk assessment and planning process. Our risk assessment and other relevant documentation will be published on our website over the weekend of 30th May for you to read should schools be required to be open. However, I thought it important to share the above information with you at this stage.

We will continue to communicate arrangements with you when the information is available, and we continue to follow the Government guidance we are being given. In the meantime, please continue with the online learning and tasks that have been set by the class teachers. If you have any questions, please contact the class teacher or the office and we will do our best to answer them.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during these challenging times.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Bishop
Headteacher