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Dear Parents

Thank you for your patience as we have received and acted on the Prime Minister's address and subsequent guidance concerning the proposed partial reopening of schools.

You can find the guidance for parents at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

As you will be aware, schools have been asked to plan for a reopening to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children from 1st June. We have started this planning and risk assessment process and I would like to reassure you from the outset that the safety of children, parents and staff is paramount in any decision we make.

I am not yet in a position to provide you with all of the details but I would like to share our initial plans with you.

- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be invited to come to school 4 days a week from the week beginning 1st June.
- Attendance is not compulsory but will be encouraged
- The timings of the day may change slightly to allow for staggered start and end times
- Children will be in groups of no more than 15 and we will operate a 'bubble' approach. Children will only mix with children and staff from their bubble as much as possible to reduce social contact
- You will be informed which group your child is in and this is not negotiable
- Different groups will have their own entrance and exit to and from school to reduce contact between parents
- We will ask only one parent to bring children to school and to collect and parents will not be allowed inside the building
- The main office will remain closed for face to face contact but will be open to phone calls and emails
- Children will be offered a hot lunch and for children in Reception and Year 1 this will be free. Children in Year 6 who are in receipt of free school meals will also receive a free meal.
- The learning completed in class will be the same as that sent home for home learning
- Children will have their own stationery pack provided and will not share
- There will be additional cleaning throughout the day
- The guidance states that staff and children should **not** wear masks
- For first aid and intimate care, staff will be provided with PPE
- School uniform will not be compulsory but we will issue a dress code
- The Behaviour Policy will be amended to cover this pandemic and this will be shared with you

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For those year groups not invited to attend school at this time, we will continue to provide home learning as we are now. You will also continue to receive a weekly phone call although this may not always be from your child's class teacher as they may now be teaching one of the groups in school.

I know the decision to partially reopen schools at this time has caused anxiety for many families. We also know some of you are keen to return to some sense of normality. Please be assured that we remain here to support you. I will keep you as informed as I can over the next few weeks and you will receive additional communication from your child's class teacher.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, there are some things you can be doing to help prepare your child for the return to school:

- Ensure you have a routine in place of getting up, getting dressed etc
- Talk to your child about coming back to school
- Explain that school will feel different – they may be in a different classroom and have a different teacher – reassure them that this will be OK
- Explain that they will not be able to bring anything from home (except a packed lunch) in to school with them
- Ask if they have any questions – if they do and you can't answer them, ask your child's class teacher

Thank you all for your continued support. I have been overwhelmed by the positive messages from parents and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Stay alert!

Best wishes

Mrs Helen Frampton
Headteacher