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18th, June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Wright has been contacting families by telephone to confirm which children from Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 will be returning to form our first year group bubbles in school and which families of children in Years 3-5 would like their child to return should we have capacity to do so safely. Thank you to all those families who have responded so promptly and worked with us to establish this in readiness for **Tuesday 23rd June**. If we have not been able to reach you today, please would you email Mrs Wright, using the admin email address so we can include your response in our planning.

Attached to this letter are detail of how we are reopening school and the safety measures in place. We have also sourced short stories / booklets for families to share with children and the school staff are creating a short video clip to show children what school will be like upon their return. You will be able to access these resources via our website/face book once these have been uploaded.

The government have released further information for families which can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

On Monday 22nd June school staff are participating in training for protective measures, deepening their understanding of the transmission of COVID19 and cleaning routines that minimise risk. We will also be reviewing the home learning and finding ways to increase pupil participation and engagement. Details will follow next week.

To enable the home learning to continue for those pupils whose families choose for them not to return and to ensure that the school can undergo a thorough midweek clean we will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for class bubbles and only those children accessing the keyworker bubble will be able to attend school for the full week. **School will therefore not be open to classes on Wednesdays.**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will return on **Tuesday 23rd June**. They need to arrive at school between **8.45 and 8.55am** and should access school via the driveway, please. The Infants are the first groups to return to school as it is more difficult for them to access remote learning and their classrooms have direct outdoor access.

We know how important it is for **children in Year 6** to spend some time in school at the end of their primary journey before they transition to secondary school. Year 6 will therefore return beginning **Monday 29th June between 9.00 and 9.10am** and we ask that you also use the driveway to access the site, please.

We have marked the driveway to support social distancing. In line with our Health and Safety measures, we ask that only one adult drops your child off at school. Please note, parents will not be



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able to access the school building. Children will be welcomed by their teacher on the playground and wash their hands in the new, outside sink provision before entering the building.

Each day the children will need a sun hat, water bottle and a waterproof coat. PE kits, school bags and personal belongings should not be brought into school. We also ask that **children wear their own clothes**, not uniform, which should only be worn once before being washed.

Packed lunches should be brought into school in a named paper / carrier bag that can be disposed when children have finished eating. School lunches will be served to the children in their bubble room. Lunch will be a picnic bag with a sandwich, fruit, dessert and drink.

The end of school day **collection will be between 2.50 and 3pm for Infant pupils and 3.05 – 3.15pm for Year 6 pupils**. As you enter the site via the driveway to collect your child, please follow social distancing and stay along the playground fence; children will be brought out onto the playground to be handed over to a known adult.

To minimise the risk of face to face contact **where ever possible please ensure that all communication with school is done via email or telephone**.

The focus during the school day will be on pupils' emotional wellbeing to help them understand why things are so different at the moment. Literacy and numeracy skills will be a focus each morning along with PSHE sessions, forest school and physical activities.

Children needing a place in the **keyworker bubble for every day care**, cannot be included in their class bubble to minimise the numbers of pupils they come into contact with mixing. **If you need to change the bubble your child accesses, please phone or email the School Office by 12 Midday on a Wednesday at the latest to request a place for the following week.**

We will continue to review our provision, keep you informed and if it is safe for us to extend to further year groups or provide full-time school we will, but this decision will always be based upon our Health and Safety monitoring and evaluations and the science available to us. The health and wellbeing of your children and families and that of our staff and their families is our absolute priority. We have strict cleaning and risk assessments in place and have also attached the cleaning guidance for your information.

You will by now know that individuals can meet up outdoors with up to 6 others at a safe, social distance. We hope you enjoy beginning to reconnect with friends and wider family whom we have all missed seeing. We know how emotional and distressing it is when you can't see loved ones and this little bit of contact means so much to us all. We urge you to do so carefully and wish you continued good health.

If you have any queries or need any help, please ring or email the school admin and we will do all we can to support you. Please take the time to digest and understand the information enclosed and, should you have any questions, please email the school office who will respond as quickly as possible.



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Our staff team are excited to be welcoming your children back to school and supporting their transition.

Keep safe and take care.

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors

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