



Tuesday 19th May 2020

Dear parents/carers

Following my letter to you last week, I am writing regarding the potential phased reopening of schools from the 1st June 2020.

The Government has stressed that all re-opening plans will depend on infection rates decreasing and it won't make its final decision on whether schools can definitely reopen until 28th May 2020.

The safety, health and wellbeing of everyone in the school is, of course our highest priority. We are planning how to put into place the measures needed so that the school can be run safely, hygienically and with appropriate procedures in place. We are currently considering the following:

- It might not be possible for children to return on the 1st June 2020. Staff training days may be required before the school reopens. We may need to stagger the arrival of year groups across different days or weeks.
- The government has identified four year groups for reopening: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We may not be able to accommodate all the year groups the government has identified. Priority will be given to younger children and those in our Community Classroom first. To prioritise these key groups, the Government has said that siblings outside of the identified year groups will **not** be able to attend school.
- The Government guidance says that no more than 15 children can be in a classroom when school reopens. To manage this we will need to split each class into groups. These groups will need to stay separate from others throughout the day including during lessons and play. We will allocate staff to each group who will stay with the children consistently.
- In addition, it will be important that we avoid large numbers of children and parents gathering at the beginning and end of the school day. This will probably mean we will have to stagger the times that groups arrive and leave.

To help us with the next phase of our planning, we will be sending parents/carers of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 a text message later today asking if you intend to send your child back to school, please reply to the text as soon as possible. Once we know how many children to expect, we can then start to work out when each group can return during the summer term. If your child has specific health vulnerabilities, they should not come to school.

If your child is already attending our Community Classrooms, they can continue to do so regardless of which year group they are in.

I will write to you again next week when I can hopefully share with you specific arrangements and plans for each year group. Please do bear with us, I know that many of you will already have lots of questions, but I would ask for your patience and understanding as we continue to organise the return to school.

I hope that you and your families are well and safe at this time.

Best wishes

Karinne Faddy

Head of School