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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and staying safe.



Since my letter to you last week, we have received much information and guidance from the Department for Education, the Local Authority and Unions. We have used this, along with our own thorough risk assessments and knowledge of what will work most effectively for our school community and environment, to plan and prepare a wider reopening of school that is as safe as possible in the circumstances. This is still **conditional** planning, based on the new COVID alert system and 5 tests for easing the lockdown being met.

We are preparing for a staggered re-entry into school for children in Year 6, Year 1, Reception and Nursery from Monday 1st June. This will be alongside the provision in place for keyworker and vulnerable children already in place. However, the provision for these children will also need to change with more children attending school. In order to support with our phased planning, I am asking you to complete a short but very important survey. The survey is live now and will be until 12 noon on Wednesday (20th May).

The link for our survey is on our school website here [Parent/ Carer Survey](#)

It is up to schools to decide what is safe and manageable, so the short survey will help us determine how our provision can be organised in more detail and what numbers of children we are ensuring provision for. Please note, it is your choice and given the exceptional circumstances for each family situation, we will support your decision about whether your child returns to school at this time or not. There will be no penalties for non-attendance. This is a very personal decision. Therefore, I will try to give you an overview of how school will be organised so you are fully aware of how different school will be for your children if they return. Please also understand that for health and safety reasons the children will not all be able to return altogether at the same time



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and there will be many new strict routines and procedures in place to ensure the safest environment possible.

On their return from the 1st June, the children will be organised into what the government is calling 'bubbles' – meaning groups of no more than 15 children and a maximum of 2 adult. The class teacher and teaching assistant can only be in one 'bubble' and the 'bubbles' cannot mix at all at any time. We will decide on the 'bubbles' so children's individual needs are met as best as possible. Social distancing will be in place to try and remain 2 metres from others at all times throughout the school environment. This is necessary so that any outbreak of the virus can be tracked and traced and those people who have been in the affected 'bubble' can isolate and be tested if needed. Please note that social distancing in each 'bubble' may not be possible due to the age and stage of the children and their needs.

The following is a list of what to expect organisationally in school from the 1st June. It is not the provision we would ever want to offer, but we will do our best to make it as enjoyable for the children as we possibly can. Remember that the health, safety and well-being of children and staff is our number one priority in the context of Covid-19 still being present in society.

- The school reopening process will start in a phased manner from Monday 1st June. The priority is for keyworker and vulnerable children across all year groups, Year 6 children, Year 1 children, Reception and Nursery children. It will not be possible for all year groups to return to school full time at once. More details will be sent out later in the week following the survey feedback.
- Keyworker and vulnerable children are identified in the same way as previously. However, the provision will be different to how it is currently. Provision will be limited from 1st June and organised in the same way as all the identified year group children from this date. Children must be booked in for this provision and will have to follow all the new organisational measures that will be in place, including drop off and collection arrangements.



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- We cannot guarantee constant social distancing of 2 metres, however, children will be in 'bubbles' of no more than 15 and will not mix with any other children or 'bubbles' throughout the day. Learning will take place with the children spread out at distances from each other as much as possible. Each class group will be taught by a teacher and/or a teaching assistant under the supervision of a teacher. Please note that some children will have a new teacher from another year group.
- We will not be able to provide before or after school provision from 1st June.
- There will be staggered start and end of the day times to control the flow of children into school. It will be essential that these times and school entry points are adhered to at all times.
- There will continue to be an increased emphasis on safety and hygiene with regular and controlled handwashing. In addition there will escorted toileting and frequent cleaning of surfaces and door handles in the rooms throughout the day.
- Children will have timetabled playtimes and a clear lunchtime but these will be staggered within their 'bubbles'. Lunches will have to be eaten in the classroom and a school packed lunch will be available, which will be delivered to the classroom.
- Movement throughout the school will be organised to ensure the safety of children and so children do not mix bubbles at any time. At no point can children leave their 'bubble', unless they are escorted. Free flow learning will not be possible.
- Only one adult per household will be able to drop off and collect their child.
- The school will close on Fridays (except to keyworker children) to allow for extra cleaning throughout the school and for staff to have their statutory preparation and assessment time in the most efficient and safe way.
- There will be a clear and age appropriate behaviour policy in place to ensure compliance with the safety measures that will be in place.
- Unfortunately, no assemblies or communal events will be able to take place.



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Thank you for the time you have given to reading this – I appreciate that it is a difficult decision to decide what to do, but please remember that we are here to support you and protect our whole school community.

Take care and stay safe.

Liz Hardy and the Senior Leadership Team

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Headteacher