



Thursday 10th June 2020

Update on reopening school to more children and transition arrangements

Dear Families,

Further to my letter to all families on 18th May, I am now in a position to give you a further update on our plans for the rest of the summer term, up until and including Friday 17th July 2020.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, the government asked infant and nursery schools to **prioritise reception and nursery children, followed by Y1.**

In order to reopen to more children, we have a **reopening risk assessment** which you can find on our school website (click on the Covid19 tab top right and scroll down to find 'risk assessment') One of the ways we are minimising the risk of spreading the virus, is to reduce the number of adults on the school site at any one time. We have therefore had to plan a **strict timetable of drop off and pick up times**, which has to be kept to. We recognise that the challenge to reopening to more children and year groups over the next few weeks, will be managing the pick up and drop off timetable, especially when families have several children in different classes.

Reception

This week we started to welcome reception children back, on 2 set days a week, in small groups. This has gone very well so far and it has been so lovely to see the children again. This arrangement will **continue until Friday 17th July** and it is hoped that more families will want to send their child back to school, as the weeks go by.

Nursery older funded 3s

From the **week beginning Monday 22nd June**, we will be welcoming back to nursery, older funded 3 year olds (children who will be going into reception in September). Nursery families will be given more information next week, so they can make an informed decision.

Year 1

What we would like to be able to do, from the **week beginning 29th June**, is to invite Y1 children back to school in small groups on 2 set days a week. Y1 families will receive further information about arrangements the week beginning 22nd June.

Year 2

Whilst the government previously hoped that all year groups would return to school, before the end of term, their advice and guidance that informs our risk assessment, makes this impossible to offer. This week the government has now dropped their plan for all primary children to go back to school.

However, we would like to offer Y2 the opportunity of returning to school for a session during the **week beginning 13th July**. More details about how this will work, will be shared with you shortly.

Learning Packs

Learning packs will continue to be available for you to collect from the school entrance lobby between 9am-4pm each week day. However, please note that if your child is in a year group that has been welcomed back, there will be less in the packs. Our school Facebook page continues to have information about other activities you can do with your child and if you have any queries or want to share what your child is learning at home, please email your child's class teacher, or call the school and leave a message.

Transition

This is the time of year, when our focus is on supporting your child to move onto their next year group or school. As you can appreciate, we are unable to offer the visits and meetings we would usually organise. However, this week Y1 teachers have been calling families to ask them if they have any additional information about their child that they would like their Y2 teacher to know about and Mrs Wood has been working with the junior school, to ensure that children and families have all the information they need for September.

All year groups are also currently busy making short information videos for children and families, that will be available to watch at the end of June, along with leaflets and booklets. Information about which class your child will be in next year, will be shared at the same time.

As always, if you have any queries or questions, please contact the school office 9-3pm

Kind regards

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