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Learning and Growing Together

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COVID-19 Update: reopening of school

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all continuing to keep well and are staying safe.

As you will no doubt be fully aware, following the Prime Minister's update on 11th May 2020, primary schools are requested to welcome back pupils in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 6 **from** the 1st June **at the earliest**. Until this point only pupils of keyworkers and vulnerable pupils should continue to attend. The paragraph below is copied from the Government publication and outlines the rationale of selecting these year groups to come back to school first.

"The three year groups within mainstream primary have been prioritised because they are key transition years – children in Reception and year 1 are at the very beginning of their school career and are mastering the essential basics, including counting and the fundamentals of reading and writing, and learning to socialise with their peers. We know that attending early education lays the foundation for lifelong learning and supports children's social and emotional development. Year 6 children are finishing Key Stage 2 and are preparing for the transition to secondary school, and will benefit immensely from time with their friends and teachers to ensure they are ready."

I write to also provide you with the link to the [Information For Parents](#) Document which accompanies the additional guidance sent to schools.

The Government's further intention is to assess the impact of these changes closely, working with medical and scientific advisers as well as sector leaders. When the most up-to-date assessment of the risk posed by the virus indicates that it is appropriate to do so, more primary year groups will be asked to return to school. The aim is that all pupils will spend some of the last month of the school year back with us. We have been provided with guidance and advice on trying to reduce any rates of virus transmission once more children return to school.

Over the last few days, the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body have been considering how to implement these measures to the best of our ability. These measures are outlined in the document [‘Implementing Protective Measures In Education and Childcare Settings’](#)

Furthermore, we have also appointed an accredited Health and Safety Consultant in to order to help us fully support the wellbeing, health and safety of our pupils and staff during this transition. Health and safety for all is the overriding factor which will be considered fully in all of our plans which we continue to work towards. A risk assessment is currently being undertaken to ascertain if we can safely accommodate the stated year groups and once a determination on this has been reached, we will provide a further update as soon as possible. May I respectfully ask for your patience during this time.

Pupils whose parents are keyworkers will continue to attend school where no other alternative is available. If in Reception, Y1 or Y6 these pupils will be part of their normal classes; if in other year groups, these pupils will continue to access the provision offered through the activities in the hall as we currently have been doing.

All other children should continue to access the online learning platforms such as Tapestry, Google Classrooms, Read Theory and Maths Prodigy. Advice and information relating to supporting your child’s education if they are still based at home will continue to be updated.

Should Government advice change, then the above plans may well be modified to reflect this.

As always, we would like to thank you for your support, your patience and your co-operation as we work together to come through this incredibly difficult period. Once further advice is received and we finalise our plans we will update you accordingly.

Thank you and take care,

Mrs Udall
Head of School

