



14th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

After the government announcement on Sunday, we are investigating whether it is safe to open school after half term for more children, if government plans go ahead for a phased return to school for certain year groups. Priority will be for children of those parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response, those that cannot be safely cared for at home, and vulnerable children. If we then have capacity, we may be able to have some provision for Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6 but, to conform to 2m distancing, we have limited spaces in school.

If children do attend school, to ensure safety, we will need to have staggered starts to keep to social distancing rules and have a day during the week for deep cleaning. Children will stay in small groups with a teacher, who may not be their class teacher, and with pupils from other year groups.

If you feel your child is better cared for at home to minimise risk you will not be penalised and we will still be providing home learning and support as we have done since school closure. We will be changing the learning we set from now on until the summer term, setting projects to keep children's motivation for learning going.

Safety is our priority and, if we do have children in school and are made aware that government rules in relation to social distancing have not been adhered to, we will not be able to have those children in school for 7 days, with the reassurance from parents that the family have complied with the current government rules for that period of time.

I appreciate it is so difficult when more parents are expected to go to work and have to balance childcare, but minimising risk and making sure we are safe is our priority. Many parents may not want to risk their children coming back to school at this time, which I understand, and if this is the case, parents will not be penalised because of this decision.

Thank you again for all your support and I will keep you updated with more information about school opening. Please can I ask, if you are a key worker, that you complete the google form by Monday 18th May by clicking on this link <https://forms.gle/4UXBxgY6RntXHcEr8>. I will then be in touch with parents of children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,

Mrs Fletcher