



19th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today you will have received a letter from our CEO, Gail Brown, regarding easing the lockdown in schools.

The government has stated that we must prioritise Nursery then Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. In order to see if we have capacity both with staffing and spacing safely, we are asking parents/carers to inform us if they would like their child to come back to school on a part time basis. Until we can clarify numbers we cannot say when your child will be coming in. We have already started contacting all Nursery and Reception parents to ask if parents would like their child to come back. Please can I now ask Year 1 and Year 6 parents/carers to complete the google form by clicking on this link <https://forms.gle/DPjnWV6Zyi4GPxRy9> as soon possible but no later than 12.00pm on Thursday 21st May, to say whether they would like their child to come back to school at this time.

If we have capacity, we will try to give other year groups the opportunity to come back into school before the summer holidays but again, this is dependent on safe space and staffing capacity in school. I will keep you informed and will be sending out a google form to all other year groups if we can accommodate more children in school.

If you decide you would like your child to come back, school will look very different:

- We are operating a system with staggered start and finish times, break and lunch times.
- Your child will probably not be with their class teacher and will have to remain in their small group when in school, social distancing at all times within that group and within school grounds.
- Children's small groups will remain the same until the end of the summer term.
- During play times they will only be able to be with a family member in the groups, otherwise will have to social distance.
- Parents/carers will need to drop off at the main school gates and keep to social distancing rules and parents will not be allowed on school premises. We also ask that only one parent drops off as per government guidance.
- We are trying really hard in school to minimise risk with smaller class sizes, putting in place social distancing, regular handwashing and cleaning surfaces down but we cannot completely eradicate any risk.





- Children will need to bring a packed lunch, unless:
 - You are currently being provided with a free school meal voucher each week. School will provide a free packed lunch for those children who are attending school. Parents/carers will have a reduced voucher if their child is in school.
 - If your child is in Reception/Key Stage 1, school will provide a packed lunch as part of their universal free school meal entitlement.
- Breakfast Club will not be available during the phased return to school.
- Social distancing children will be very hard and we will do all we can to maintain a 2m distance between them but we have found that children can find this very difficult.

Once we have confirmed all parents' decisions, I will inform those parents of plans for groups returning by the end of the week.

We have already had a lot of parents and carers informing us they do not feel it is safe for their child to return to school at this time and those parents will not be penalised because of this decision. Please can I reassure parents and carers that the learning children will be doing in school will be the same as that set for home learning and we have a plan in place already for a longer transition period when we can finally all be back in school.

Year 6 has been a very different year to that planned and it is really important that our Year 6 children have time to celebrate the end of primary school. If we cannot do this by the end of the summer term, we would love to still have a graduation and celebration when we can so they do not miss out (and we don't either!). Even if we cannot do this until later this year or early next year, we would still like to and will not forget.

After half term, the children will be learning through a particular theme to mix learning up a bit and keep them motivated. The teachers are very excited to share what has been planned with the children and we hope this will just give them a boost.

Many thanks for everything you are all doing. We are a great school community team!
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

Mrs Fletcher
Headteacher