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Dear parents and carers,

Following the announcements and guidance released over the last few days, I am writing to update you on our plans to partially reopen our school to Foundation Stage, Year 1 and 6. We will also be continuing to provide care provision for the children of key workers and those who have additional needs or are considered vulnerable. Although your child may not be in these year groups, I thought you may wish to know what is happening at the school. Further correspondence for the partial reopening will only be sent to the year groups involved.

First, it is important to remember that although the data of 1st June has been announced, this is a potential target date which could change. We will be working to this target date to be ready to receive children back into school anytime from 1st June. At this stage, we are planning for a return to school and not implementing a return to school.

As parents, you are not obliged to send your child to school during this time. Every family's circumstances are unique and I would encourage you to consider your own personal circumstances very carefully before returning your child to school.

School life will feel very different for us all when we return. Government guidance has been published to support student and staff well-being and schools are to take a flexible approach to how this is managed in context. This list below contains some examples of changes that are likely to happen in order to ensure pupils and staff are safe and well.

1. Staggered starts and ends to the school day to prevent groups of children and their parents mixing.
2. Children might come to school on certain days.
3. No mixing of staff of children between groups in school.
4. Changes to daily routine. For example, children not being in their usual classroom, eating their lunch in the classroom, no assemblies, staggered break and lunch times.



5. Classrooms rearranged to create space and accommodate no more than 15 in a class.
6. Regular hand washing.
7. No external visitors to school.
8. An adjusted curriculum which will remain aligned with the home school learning provision.
9. Children will wear school uniform but we will not be required to have school shoes, if they have outgrown the pair they had before we had to close.

There may be more changes as plans develop and we will keep you informed accordingly. In short, our focus for reopening will be on keeping everyone safe and well.

Please note that the government has not recommended the use of PPE in schools. Face masks will therefore not be provided by school and there will be no requirement for your child to wear one.

I know that you are all very concerned and will have a lot of questions over the coming days. I would like to reassure you that the staff and I are considering every option available to us to ensure that all children, whether they return to school or remain at home, continue to receive the very best education that we can provide. I would be grateful for your patience over the next week as we work through the planning process.

Thank you once again for all of the support that you have given the school and your child(ren) at home and for the kind messages we have been receiving.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Greenaway



Headteacher

