

Headteacher: Mrs C Redfern

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Dear Parents/Carers

We do hope you and your families are well at this difficult time, we are missing you all very much. Thank you for supporting your children with their Home Learning and for continuing to communicate with school regularly- we really do appreciate it.

We have now worked through all of the current guidance from Government with a view to reopening the school from 1st June, subject to Government approval on 28<sup>th</sup> May. On the 1<sup>st</sup> June we will be open for critical workers and vulnerable children, Year R and Year 1. Once open to these year groups, we will endeavour to open up for Year 6 before the end of the summer term. Currently, we do not have the staffing capacity in order to open up to all of the suggested year groups safely.

### **School organisation**

The children will be organised into groups of no more than 15 pupils and they will not meet with the other children during the school day. In Year 1, children will be allocated their own desk and stationery which will be regularly cleaned. In Year R, where a table-top activity has been completed, the table will be cleaned before the next group is taught. All soft toys/soft furnishings and any toys that cannot be easily cleaned will have been removed from classrooms.

There will be a Lunchtime finish for Year R and 1 children on a Friday to provide time for the school to be deep cleaned and for teachers' non-contact time for planning, preparation and assessment. Children will need to be collected from school: Year R 12:00, Year 1 12:15. If the children have ordered a picnic lunch, it will be sent home with them. We will continue to be open for critical workers and vulnerable children on a Friday afternoon.

If you have more than one child at school, they will be placed in the same group.

Children need to be in a clean set of clothes daily. We would prefer children to be in school uniform; however, we do understand that this may be difficult and sensible non-school uniform will be acceptable.

Children **must** bring in a water bottle.

Children **will not** need to bring in book bags or any resources. Everything will be provided for your child in a pack to limit any sharing of resources

**Break times:** Each group will be allocated play times and a lunch break. This will be timetabled to ensure that groups cannot mix during the day. Any play equipment that is used during break times (e.g. the gym equipment) will be cleaned between uses. Children will be able to order a picnic box which they will eat in their classroom to avoid children from different groups from mixing.

**Drop off:** Parents will queue at 2m intervals with their children on the top playground. We ask that Year R arrive 0900 and Year 1 at 0930. The critical workers and vulnerable children will continue to arrive at 0845 and drop off at the school hall. There will be a one way system in place- the top car park will remain closed

so that children can enter the playground via the small gate. **There will be no parking on site.** Parents will then be asked to leave via the main pedestrian gate. Parents will not be allowed in the school building.

**Collection:** Children will be brought up to the top playground in their groups with their adults. We ask that you collect your Year R child at 1515 and Year 1 1530. Critical workers and vulnerable children will continue to be collected at the hall door at 1530.

We fully appreciate that these are worrying times for us all but I can assure you that we have worked hard to ensure all of the guidance from Government has been adhered to. Ultimately, it is your choice whether you decide to send your children back to school from the 1st June. It is important to note that parents who do not send their children back to school in Year R and 1 will not receive fines for non-attendance, although this could change in the future. We respect every parent's right to make this decision for their children, but we must ask that you continue to contact the school on a daily basis if you keep your children at home, as you would under normal circumstances.

We will continue to risk assess and evaluate the provision here at school, and if I believe the safety of children and staff could be compromised, I will make appropriate changes at that time.

There will be further information sent out to Year R and Year 1 at the end of the week to explain to the children what school will look like when they return.

Please see below link for further advice and guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Yours sincerely



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