

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Recently, the government has announced that schools should make plans to open to a wider proportion of pupils from the 1<sup>st</sup> June. We have been contacting you over the past week to gain your views about your children returning to school. This has helped us to begin to plan groupings of children and begin to make necessary alterations to the school.

Your children's safety is the most important factor in our planning process and that is why we will be welcoming children back to school in a gradual way. The dates below provide you with a guide. These dates may be subject to change should we encounter any delays in necessary building work or if the government should change their position on when children can return to school.

- Children that are currently attending will return to school on 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- If your child accesses a 30 hour place we will be welcoming them back to school during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- If your child is aged 3-4 years and accesses a 15 hour place we will be welcoming them back during the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June.
- All other children will be welcomed back during the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

We are adding some new outdoor handwashing facilities to the school playgrounds and making some minor amendments to access gates so that you can enter the school grounds safely and ensure social distancing takes place. Children will be grouped in much smaller numbers than usual into protective bubbles or 'family hubs'.

As part of our planning process we also need to ensure that our staff team are safe and well prepared for the return of a larger number of children to school. This will involve all staff undertaking training in new procedures and methods of working.

Before your child returns to school we will write to you again and explain pick up and drop off procedures. We will allocate a specific time for you to arrive at school each day. The timings may be different to your usual routine. This is so that we can maintain social distancing and have adequate time to clean classrooms and prepare for the following day.

We will continue to take guidance from the Department for Education and Local Authority and keep you updated with developments. Attached to this letter is a guide for parents and carers that you may find useful to read.

If you have decided not to send your child back to school in June we will continue to support your child at home through our home learning packs, our Facebook page and regular phone calls. We will also be starting a virtual coffee morning and introducing virtual group times.

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While the children have been learning at home we have been very impressed with the quality of work and learning they have been doing. Some of you have sent photos and videos and this has kept staff spirits high during this period.

Whatever your decision about sending your child to school or not, we are here to support you. Please call us if you are experiencing any difficulties during this crisis and we will do our best to help.

Wishing you all the best for the bank holiday weekend and to all our families celebrating Eid over the next few days we hope you enjoy the day as you celebrate at home. Stay safe and Eid Mubarak.

Yours sincerely,

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