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Dear Parent,

On Thursday 14th May we wrote to you to explain how we are preparing to open our school in the forthcoming weeks to accommodate children in Year R and 1. However on that same evening the government issued new information as to what that plan should look like, so unfortunately we have had to do a last minute rethink. The government information for schools currently changes daily and so we apologise that we are now having to give you a different plan for re-opening.

Currently, the government have suggested that key worker children and children in Nursery, Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils should be welcomed back. This sits alongside the need for schools to ensure social distancing rules are followed where possible, that strict cleaning processes are put in place and that children and staff mix as little as possible. You will understand that safety for all is our key concern.

The government however do not want the provision to be shared across a week but that we offer full time school places firstly as a priority to the children of key workers (beginning with those working in health care, carers, education and the emergency services such as police, ambulance, fire brigade, delivery drivers and food industry). If those places are taken, these children must be attending full time to make the best use of the place.

Once these places have been filled we will then see what provision we have left to open to Year R children in the first instance. We are limited by the number of children per group to adult ratio, and by the number of rooms we have available to use to ensure children can social distance. We also do not have all of our staff available to work on health grounds.

We, of course, would love to welcome all of our children back to school, however, given the current situation, we know that this will not be possible, whilst following the government guidelines.

To enable us to plan appropriately, we are asking you to inform us if you are a key worker who would like to be considered for a place for your child from 2nd June **PLEASE TEXT SCHOOL BY END OF DAY WEDNESDAY 20th May**. We are assessing how many spaces we will be able to offer to children of key workers, whilst also following the government guidance on maintaining a safe environment. Where we have more requests than we are able accommodate, we will need to prioritise places. This means not all key worker children may be offered a full time place.

In order to prepare for reopening, we will be closed on Monday 1st June to prepare for the return of an increased number of children, as we are remaining open during the half term holiday for the current group of key worker children.



Once we do reopen school on 2nd June we will only be opening our school on a 4 day a week basis Monday -Thursday. On Fridays the school will be shut to enable a thorough deep clean of all areas, which I am sure you will appreciate is a massive priority.

In the longer term we are looking forward to welcoming other year groups back in a safe way, when it is deemed safe to do so, and based upon Government advice. We will open in phases and will notify you as soon as we are able as to which pupils will return and when.

This will follow government guidance prioritising as followed:

1. Children of critical workers and vulnerable children
2. Reception children
3. Year 1 children

All places offered will be subject to staff availability, space available and being able to ensure a safe environment for your children and our staff. Please note, therefore, that places could change depending on staff availability and changes in government guidelines.

Please can I draw your attention to the latest guidance for parents/carers at:

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

We would like to stress that since we closed our doors on March 20th, all of our staff have continued to work incredibly hard, both at school to ensure we remain open for those children whose parents have critical key roles in our communities, and also remotely from home to ensure that all children can access learning to do at home. We are incredibly proud of the way our staff have adapted to this different way of working to ensure that we still play a key role in keeping your children safe educated. Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times. Please be assured that our highest priority is the health and safety of our pupils and staff.

We will contact you with further information as soon as we are able. If your child is offered a place you will be notified by us – it is important that no child is sent to school without receiving confirmation of a place.

Kind regards

Miss E Carrie and Mrs J Dorricott