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Dear Parents and Carers

School Re-Opening

As I am sure you are aware, the Prime Minister has announced the intention to open schools from the 1st June to more pupils. This is currently a provisional date, based on the infection rate nationally and on a local level.

The more detailed guidance sent to schools has outlined the plans for Primary Schools. We must continue to open for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers and then prioritise **Nursery children, Reception children and Year One children but NOT Year 2 children.** The delivery of these plans is dependent upon knowing the number of pupils who are likely to attend, knowing the availability of staff and being able to accommodate all those attending whilst complying with social distancing guidance.

Although we will be trying to operate as normally as possible, there are a number of actions that we have to take to minimise Covid-19 related risks and because of this we must make it clear that the school day will look very different for both pupils and staff. They will not be taught with their full group of classmates, they might not be in their normal classroom and they might not be taught by their current teacher. You should also be aware that our actions may have to be revised in response to new Covid-19 related incidents and guidance. However, we can assure you that the actions we take are aimed at ensuring that pupils and staff are as safe as we can make them.

We would like to share with you our provisional plan for each of the above year groups. Please read and consider the plan below carefully with your own child/ren in mind, as we need you to decide if you will be sending your child/ren to school. Current government guidance says that you should be encouraged to send your child to school, however no fines or attendance measures will be in place if you choose not to.

In order to plan effectively for the safe return of your child/ren and our staff we need to know if you intend to send them to school or keep them at home. We will try and offer every pupil in the year groups mentioned above a place, but each place is at risk if your child/ren does not attend on a regular basis, if the behaviour of your child does not observe the social distancing guidance for schools, or if your child requires high levels of personal contact whilst in school, for example if they are not toilet trained.

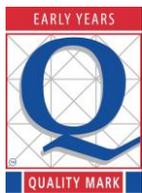
Government guidance suggests that face coverings are not needed in schools, by either staff or pupils. We will not object to them being worn if that is your wish, but we cannot force your child/ren to wear them. The guidance also suggests that children are at a low risk of suffering severe symptoms. However, we cannot ensure that children do not carry the virus or spread the virus



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without showing symptoms. As I am sure you can appreciate, we must do everything we can to ensure the health and safety of all pupils and all staff at this time and therefore we reserve the right to take whatever action we feel is necessary to do this.

As you can appreciate, Diamond Wood is a very large infant school and therefore we must further prioritise which year groups we can accommodate for based on the government guidance. We will therefore be opening for **Nursery and Reception**.

Week commencing 1st June

On the week commencing 1st June, Nursery and Reception children will be in school. During this time, Reception children will be based in KS1 classrooms and start and exit times will be staggered. **Every Wednesday the school will close for a deep clean.**

To those of you who have requested a school place from 1st June, you will shortly be receiving a detailed letter through the post of your child's start and end times and their class base. Please keep to these timings to ensure that we can social distance.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Kind regards

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