

## Message from Mr Merry

Dear parents/carers,

### Re: possible reopening of school to more pupils in June

We know you've seen in the news that schools may reopen on 1 June to our EYFS and Year 1 if the government thinks it's safe then. We believe an announcement will be made on the 28<sup>th</sup> May to confirm this.

It's a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we're going to be doing everything we can to make sure we're ready to receive these year groups if it's safe for our school to reopen in the coming weeks.

We're creating a detailed action plan that will support our planned safe opening, this will enable you to know what the school's reopening will look like in practice. Precautions we'll be taking include:

- Limiting class sizes – no more than 15 per staff member
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home
- Entering school via the entrance by the Hub onto our large playground, where staff will meet you.
- Following our signs to support our safety measures.
- Self-distancing by 2m
- No Before and After school clubs, including Sunrise and Sunset clubs.

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to [government guidance](#) for further details of these groups.

I want to reassure you that we're not going to be pressuring anyone to send their children to school. We'll keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision.

In the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance.

Mrs Gittins and Miss Frearson will be making contact with each family hopefully this week to answer any of your questions, to reassure you and to gain an idea of how many pupils intended to return to school potentially on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. Subject to government approval.

We'd like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. We'll keep you updated once we know more about when schools will be able to reopen, as we hear more.

If your child will remain at home beyond 1 June, we'll continue to support you and them with home learning, and meal support for those eligible. Please do continue to stay in touch with us about how your child is getting on.

If you have any questions, please take the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher when they call you.

Take Care Stay Safe and we look forward to seeing you all soon

Warm regards,

Mr. Merry

CEO – Head teacher

## COVID-19 DfE Guidance Update

We have received further guidance from the DfE about the coronavirus. We are monitoring this situation closely and are following the advice of our local Public Health Protection Team.

There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, please see attached a link to our Trust website for further information. <https://www.owlsacademytrust.co.uk/home/trust-news-updates>

We ask you to be vigilant, to keep up to date with the guidance provided by Public Health England and to take appropriate decisions in the best interests of children and families if you have travelled to any of the affected areas.

We understand that you will have concerns and ask for your support as we work together to ensure the good health of all of our stakeholders. Should you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.