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Dear parents

Following the latest announcement from the Government, we are planning to open the school to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from June 1st. Thank you for completing the recent survey; we are now aware which children will return and have been able to plan provision accordingly. Provision for the children of previously identified key workers will continue and parents should continue to arrange this via email. In order to limit numbers, children of key workers should only attend if there is no alternative available.

The Government's aim for provision for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 is to help children in these key year groups to catch up before key transitions. In order for this to be effective, it will need to be consistent and therefore we would request that these children attend full time. This will enable teachers to plan a progressive scheme of work for those pupils.

As the key symptoms of Covid 19 seem to be vast and varied, I would request that children who are in any way unwell, be kept at home during this time. We will also request that they are collected if they become ill at all. In addition, if a member of your household displays possible symptoms, your child must not attend. You should follow Government guidelines regarding self-isolation and testing.

The staff and Governors have been working hard on producing a risk assessment which sets out procedures to minimise the risk to staff, children and parents. We should stress that we are not able to totally eradicate the risk of catching Covid 19, but have followed the Government advice and have therefore reduced the risk as much as we are able.

I have set out important information about reopening during these unprecedented times below:

Groupings

In line with Government guidelines, the children will be split into groups of no more than 15. These groups and the adults leading them will not change and the children will remain in the same group throughout their time in school. The groups will be as follows:

Children	Staff	Location
Key Worker Children (who are not in Reception, Year 1 or Year 5/6)	Miss Appleyard; Mrs Murray; Mr Hedgecock	Class 4 - Use fire door
Reception	Miss Jones; Mrs Hunter; Mrs Jones; Miss Cook	Class 1 - Use usual entrance
Year 1	Mrs Rayney; Mrs Elliott; Miss Buckley; Mrs Sutemire	Class 3 - Use usual entrance
Year 6 (and Year 5 Key Worker Children)	Mr Wiley; Mrs Enright	Class 5 - Use usual entrance

Arrival & Departure

In order to minimise numbers at the gates and ensure social distancing can be facilitated, we will implement staggered start and finish timeslots for each group. These are set out below. We would request that parents respect the social distancing markers and fully prepare their children for the start of the school day, being as positive as they can. Parents will not be able to enter the site in the morning and should drop off at or near the gate. We would ask that only one parent accompanies the child and where possible, siblings not attending should stay at home. Should your child become upset, please wait at a safe distance until a member of staff can assist. Children should only bring essential items from home (e.g. lunchbox, water bottle and PE Kit). All children should wear school uniform, or as close to that as they can, bearing in mind some uniform may no longer fit. We will be flexible in relation to this. Siblings can arrive together in the earliest time slot for that family. Members of staff from the group will be out to support children.

	Arrival - between	Departure - between
Key Workers	08:45 – 09:00	14:45 – 15:00
Year 6	08:45 – 09:00	14:45 – 15:00
Year 1	09:00 – 09:15	15:00 – 15:15
Reception	09:15 – 09:30	15:15 – 15:30

Social Distancing in School

We will follow the Government guidelines at all times. These clearly state that young children cannot be expected to follow social distancing and therefore other measures must be implemented. In addition to maintaining consistent, small groups, we will do the following:

- Children will be allocated individual tables and will stay there as much possible, apart from younger year groups. The tables will be separated as much as possible.
- Children will be provided with their own stationery which will not be shared with others.
- Any resources which are shared will be cleaned between use. Only those resources that can be easily cleaned will be used.
- For Reception, the children will be encouraged to use the outdoor areas as much as possible and will be assigned areas to minimise close contact.
- PHSE lessons will address the need to maintain good hygiene and respect personal space.
- Outdoor learning will be facilitated where possible and relevant.
- Children will enter and exit from one door to access outside areas and will travel through corridors minimally.
- Staff will ensure that groups will not mix in the toilets and access will be limited to a few children at a time.

Hygiene and cleaning

- Hand washing with soap and warm water will take place throughout the day and will be supervised.
- Commonly touched surfaces will be cleaned during transitions and communal areas like toilets and cloakrooms will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- All rooms will have their own cleaning facilities and stations.
- Tissues will be in each classroom as always and children will be encouraged to cough into elbows and not touch their faces.
- Tissue bins will be emptied regularly
- The caretaker will thoroughly clean the school at the end of the day.

Break Times

- Staggered breaks will be implemented and each group will stay with their group and staff.
- Play equipment will be provided for each class and will not be shared. It will also be wiped down regularly and children will wash their hands after using it.
- Children will be allowed to play non-contact games and will be supported to enable them to have a good break time.
- Snacks should be brought into school if required, as I am not sure if the fruit delivery will go ahead as usual.
- Lunch times will be similar. Children will eat in their classroom and will then have as much time as possible outside in a designated area with their group (i.e. quad, playground, and field).
- Packed lunches will be available from Carre's for those children in Key Stage 1 or Reception and will need to be ordered in the usual way.

Curriculum

- Teachers will be planning to cover maths, English and as much of the curriculum as possible.
- The main aim will be to help children catch up with missed learning and prepare them for their transitions.
- We will have welfare at the core of the return and will of course allow children a settling in period and provide time for reflection and discussion.
- Children will be supported in adjusting back into the routine of school and we will do everything we can to make this a good learning experience for them.
- We will liaise with the Secondary Schools to try and ensure as smooth a transition as possible.
- We will not be sending reading books home at this time, but they will be available in school. The older children should not bring in reading books from home for the time being.
- Homework will not be set at this time.

Contacting School

- We appreciate that this may be a difficult time for parents and children and will of course be on hand to discuss concerns.
- We would request that parents telephone or email to communicate with us as it will not be possible to communicate at the gates in any detail as the priority will be getting children safely in or out of school.

I hope that this information has answered many of your questions about reopening.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors