



Friday 15th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we may be able to open our schools for a limited number of pupils from Monday 1st June. Many of you have been in touch with queries and concerns and I had hoped that I would be able to send you a bit more information by this stage; to offer answers and also some reassurance. However, we are still waiting for government guidance on their expectations around provision for EYFS, and we are also waiting to hear about the outcome of the union meetings with government scientific advisers taking place today.

While we are waiting for further guidance you might be interested in the following documents that have been released from the DfE to help us with our planning.

Guidance for schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/>

All school staff have been very busy this week looking at the different options available to us for implementing social distancing and other new routines within the classrooms. We will be circulating a survey in the next few days to gain an understanding of how many parents are planning to send their child/ren into school if we are able to reopen safely. In answer to a question that I have been asked many times this week, families will not be penalised if they decide not to send their child/ren back to school, and staff will continue to provide activities for them to complete at home.

I understand that this is a very difficult time for many of our families, but I would like to reassure all parents and carers that we are taking the government guidance very seriously and the safety of our whole school community is our main priority.

I hope to be able to provide you with further information very shortly, but in the meantime, please do keep in touch, and send us any questions or worries that you may have.

Take care everyone, and stay safe.

Kindest regards,

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