

"I am able to do all things by
the one who strengthens me"

Philippians 4:13
Lexham English Bible



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Dear Parents,

Re: Phased opening of school

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I am sure you are looking forward to some of the new developments regarding the easing of lockdown. Parents will understand the challenges of keeping young children socially distanced at school. It is almost inevitable there will be some unplanned short 'close contacts' between individuals in schools. The Government and the LA, however, have asked school staff to do their best to keep children two metres apart. There is evidence that children are generally at lower risk than adults and we will do our best, as usual, to keep all children and staff safe.

In order to implement the new social distancing requirements we have had to review our risk assessment and calculate the number of pupils that we can safely accommodate. The Government has asked schools to prioritise the return of children in the following order:

- Key worker and vulnerable children
- Reception
- Year 1
- Year 6

Given the space available in our small school we have decided to open the school in a phased approach. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for all children to return at the same time. This is because some groups have to be prioritised and numbers in these groups will be subject to change depending on parent's circumstances. We have therefore produced the following timetable:

- Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June onwards - children of key workers and vulnerable children only.
- Wednesday 3rd June onwards - Reception children in addition to the above.
- Week beginning Monday 8th June – we may be able to welcome Year 1 and Year 6 children if places are available. I will contact parents nearer the time.

I recognise that these arrangements are not ideal. We are acting cautiously and carefully to protect children and staff. I know you will continue to be understanding and supportive of the school in these challenging times. Please rest assured that we will do the best we can for all children and will continue to provide or signpost home learning where appropriate. This crisis will end and we will all be back together in school in the future.

Kind regards

Sarah Briggs
Headteacher

