



18.5.2020

Dear parents and carers,

COVID 19 – SCHOOL CONTACT FROM 1.6.2020

I hope you are all well and managing to keep safe during this very difficult and challenging time.

You will be aware that the Government are asking schools to prepare, **if it is safe**, to have more direct contact with our pupils subject to cases of Covid 19 continuing to drop and school being able to implement safe practises and environment.

We are therefore **NOT** planning to open to all pupils and NOT full time to any pupil. We will continue to support any families who are key workers.

We are currently risk assessing the school and wish to consult with all families regarding their health, their views and what would be the best and safest option for each pupil.

School will risk assess daily and plan weekly- some staff have had COVID 19 and not been able to work for periods of time.

Some staff are shielding or fall into a vulnerable group and have therefore not been in work.

Sadly some staff have lost family members.

You may, as a family decide that you want your child to remain at home for the rest of the term and we will support this choice.

We plan to contact each family by telephone to discuss with you what would be the best option for your child. These are the questions we would like you to think about:

1. Would you prefer your child to stay at home for the rest of term?
2. Do you believe your child would be safe in school?
3. Are you planning to return to work?
4. If yes to question 3 what are your working hours/ days?
5. Is there anyone living in your home who is over 70?
6. Is there anyone in the home with asthma, diabetes, pregnant, respiratory condition, cancer, heart condition and or with a shielding letter?
7. If you prefer your child to remain off school is there any other resources you feel school could provide?
8. If a return to school is your preferred choice what days/ hours would support you and your child?

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Once we have this information we will consider how we can help you from 1.6.20 onwards. Please be aware that we will have to ensure the following:

1. Classrooms will have less pupils and staff in them.
2. Staff and pupils will follow strict hygiene procedures.
3. Every pupil will have a risk assessment.
4. Some resources cannot be used due to the possible risk of spreading the virus.
5. Start and finish times will need to be adjusted to allow for a safe arrival and departure from school.
6. Strict hygiene routines will be required both in school and home- hand washing, clothes washed daily at home, pupils showered daily at home.
7. Lunch time menu will be limited as pupils will **not** be able to eat together in the school canteen and are more likely to be given a packed lunch by school.

A member of the school team will contact you by telephone this week to help you to make the safest choice for your child and your family. Once we have all the information from all families we will contact you to make further arrangements.

PLEASE NOT SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS NEXT WEEK- 25.5.20- 29.5.20

Yours sincerely,

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