



2nd June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

COVID 19 – PUPILS RETURNING TO SCHOOL

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

We contacted all families by telephone to ask you how you felt about your child returning to school before we close for the summer break.

Most families stated that they believed their child was safer at home than in school. We will continue to support with home learning packs and regular telephone contact.

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.

School will continue to 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.

We have undertaken a comprehensive risk assessment and our site team have undertaken a very thorough clean of the school.

For families wanting their child to return to school we plan to contact you individually by telephone to discuss with you the proposed plan. We will phase pupils in over the next few weeks. Please be patient safety is paramount! Any families who stated they weren't sure about a return will be contacted at the end of June for further discussion. I am outlining below what measures are being put in place to make school safe to pupils and staff. This list also includes expectations of families:

1. Classrooms will have less pupils and staff in them. We have risk assessed and planned for no more than 4 pupils in a room
2. We will be working in small bubbles and pupils will need to remain with their bubble. **If any pupil or member of staff becomes unwell with COVID19 symptoms then this will mean that everyone (STAFF AND PUPILS) in the bubble stays at home and will require a test. Positive tests will result in all members of the bubble staying at home in isolation for 14 days.**
3. The school has increased safety signage and 2 meter markings throughout the building. A very thorough clean is undertaken after each school day.
4. Staff and pupils will follow strict hygiene procedures. This will include hand washing sanitising all surfaces.

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5. Some resources cannot be used due to the possible risk of spreading the virus. Soft furnishings have been removed from rooms and certain activities will not be available
6. Every pupil will have a risk assessment. Pupils will have their own equipment stored in a sealed box and not shared by any other pupil.
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.
8. Start and finish times will need to be adjusted to allow for a safe arrival and departure from school. We strongly advise that if you can transport your child then you do so as this will be the safest option. You may have to queue to drop your child off. There will be 2 meter marks for you to follow in the queue
9. Strict hygiene routines will be required both in school and home- hand washing, clothes washed daily at home, pupils showered daily at home. School bags will need to be sanitised by families and any equipment not required removed from the bags. Families must agree to this
- 10. If your child or anyone in the home has symptoms you must keep your child at home, request a test and inform school so that we can put the necessary plans in place to reduce infection. You must inform school of the test result. Families must co-operate with this. YOU MUST PROVIDE AN UP TO DATE TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBER THAT WE CAN USE TO SPEAK TO YOU IN THE EVENT OF A COVID RISK. YOU MUST ANSWER THE CALLS MADE TO YOU BY SCHOOL STAFF**

A member of the school team will contact you by telephone this week to begin to make arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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