



Monday 18th May 2020

Re: update on possible reopening of schools

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience while we waited for further information on reopening schools – the government has now published more guidance, and we summarise what we know so far below.

To recap, if the government thinks it's safe, schools will start to reopen from 1 June to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. It **may be** that some of these year groups start back on the 1st June, with **others at a later stage**.

A text message will be sent to parents in the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 classes to ascertain if you will be requiring a school place as and when we are able to proceed. This is for planning purposes and we understand that parents may need to change their requirements at a later date.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be undertaking risk assessments and creating a detailed plan to ensure we can safely welcome these year groups back, if it is deemed safe for us to start the phased reopening of the school. Precautions we'll be taking include:

- Limiting class sizes
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they **should not come back to school** and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to [government guidance](#) for further details of these groups.

I want to reassure you again that we won't be pressuring parents to send their children to school – you know what's best for your child's health and wellbeing. We'll provide you with more details on the arrangements for reopening in the coming weeks, so you can make the appropriate decision. For those parents wishing to keep their children at home, **there will be no fixed term penalties** or other attendance measures implemented.

Please be reminded that in the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. Until we're told it's safe to do so, we're unable to provide places for other children.

We'll keep you updated once we know more about when the school will be able to reopen for other year groups. For pupils at home, we'll continue to support you and your child with home learning, and meal support for those eligible.

If you have any questions, please contact myself at school for further advice.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Oates', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. G. Oates
Headteacher