

Monday 11th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

10th May Government Briefing

Following the government's announcement on Sunday evening, there will be no immediate change to our current provision, which continues to be on offer for the children of Key Workers, registered with us currently, and for other children identified by us.

As a school, we have continued to support our children's learning since Friday 20th March 2020 at the start of the lockdown, this will not change. In anticipation of a return, myself and the senior leadership team have already begun planning for the expansion of capacity. In line with the Prime Minister's proposal, if it is safe to do so, Reception, Y1 and Y6 may be able to return to school prior to the end of the Summer Term, potentially from 1st June 2020, or when it is designated safe to do so in phased groups.

Whilst we would be delighted to welcome the children back, we will not do so until we have received further information and guidance from the Department for Education, the Local Authority and our professional bodies.

It is imperative therefore that, in the coming weeks, we have ongoing guidance on a further reduction in the R (reproduction and infection) rate and there must also be clear guidance about social distancing expectations in schools for the utmost health and safety of all. We will also endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can leading up to this possible expansion.

As teachers and school staff, we dedicate our lives and careers to the care and education of our children and we do not want to see our classrooms empty for a day longer than they need to be. We all desperately want to get more pupils back in school as soon as it is safe to do so.

However, I know you will agree with me when I say that the first priority has to be the safety of everyone in the school community and this requires further careful thought and information. Please be assured this is already underway and we will share more information with you as and when it becomes available to us and we are able to risk-assess accordingly.

I know that you will understand that, as we have just heard the same news that you have yesterday evening, so we ask you to continue to support us by continuing to be patient until we receive further information in the coming days and weeks.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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