



Wednesday 13th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of Year EYFS, 1 and 6,

Re: Potential School Re-opening for Years EYFS, 1 and 6

The Government has published information for schools on their intention to have some primary pupils return to school as early as June 1st. This is **only** for children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6.

There is a great deal of conversation with regards to schools opening and whether schools should be open at all. The Government have decided to open schools and this will be down to school leaders across the country to put this into action to fit around each setting.

The [guidance](#) that has been published advises on a number of things, which includes advice on social distancing in schools, number of pupils in groups, staggered break and lunchtimes as well as drop-off and pick-up points. All of this is going to have an impact on school and how we manage this, considering the number of adults that are available for work and those that may be shielding.

In the first instance, it is important that we get an idea of what our parents think and if they feel they are ready to send their children to school.

The DfE has confirmed there will be no penalty for families who do not send their children back to school, but that families “will be strongly encouraged to take up these places – unless the child or a family member is shielding or the child is particularly vulnerable due to an underlying condition.”

For parents of children in **Year EYFS, Year 1 and 6**, please follow this [link](#) and complete a questionnaire so that we know the number of families that are going to be sending their children to school. Please can you complete this as we need **Year EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6** parents’ input ready to make these arrangements in school.

In light of this decision, I also need to make you aware that since the initial closure of the school, we have operated on school grounds full-time and throughout the Easter holiday. Currently, the teaching unions are in consultation with the Government regarding the opening of school on the 1st June, but if this is still to go ahead then in order to ensure that we are fully ready and prepared for this opening, **we will be closed over the May half term holiday period for all children**. I feel that the staff also need the time to have a break ready for a what will be an ‘challenging’ term.



Parents of children in Year EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6, over the next few days, depending on what guidance comes through, please can you kindly keep an active eye on your emails as you will receive instructions from school on the following:

- Staggered opening and closing times
- Questions and answers so that you know how we are going to be managing the reopened school
- Social distancing for parents on school grounds and the number of parents that will be allowed at any one time onto school site
- Lunch and break time arrangements for children in EYFS, Y1 and Y6
- PPE in school for staff
- Children who may be unwell in school

Together with this letter, I have also re-attached and provided the link to Opening schools and educational settings to more pupils from 1st June: Guidance for parents and carers.

This letter will be the first of the many communications that will be sent across to you and in the meanwhile please do complete the [link to this questionnaire](#).

Stay well and stay safe,

Mr. E. Gaibee

Headteacher