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Dear families.

Firstly we would like to thank you for your response to the reopening of school on the first of June. Secondly we would like to pass on the information that you will require if you decide to send your children back. It is important to stress that this opening is still subject to change and we will be following the advice from the government and local authority. Any changes will be communicated as soon as possible.

The decision to send children back to school is an individual decision and families should not be judged on the decisions that they make. Children attending school will take part in formal lessons but this will be very different from what is usually expected in class. Teachers will plan two week projects that will be completed in class. For those not attending school learning packs following the same theme and activities will be provided in the usual way. Interaction on Twitter etc. may be limited during the school day as teachers will be working full time in school with the children attending. We will have staff who are working from home who will respond regularly.

School will only open to children of Key Workers who have previously been attending the provision on Monday 1st June, as staff will need to prepare rooms and ensure that they are safe and accessible for all children. Instead school will reopen to EYFS, Y1 and Y6 children on Tuesday the 2nd June.

We are also asking children who currently attend the provision to only attend on Monday 1st June if you have no other option to allow us to prepare school for the extra children.

Children will be organised into 2-3 'bubbles' per phase. Children will stay in the same bubbles each day throughout the week. They will eat together and go out to play together. At no point will any of these bubbles mix. Children are expected to attend every day unless you are accessing the key worker provision and then it is important that you only send children on the days that you are working. If you have any worries or concerns about this please let us know

To limit how many parents we have arriving to school at any one time the start and finish times of each year group will be different.

The times we are planning at the moment are below, but may change in which case we will keep you informed.

- Children in EYFS should arrive to school at 9.00 and will finish at 3.10.
- Children in Year 1 should arrive at 9.15 and will finish at 3.20.
- Children in year 6 will start at 9.20 and finish at 3.30
- Children attending the key worker group will start at 8.45 and finish at 3.30
- It is important that children don't arrive any earlier or later where possible. We will send individual letters to let you know what entrance to use and which bubble your child will be in when we have final numbers.

If your child is in EYFS, year 1 or year 6 and you are a key worker who is entitled to access the childcare provision please contact us and we will try to make arrangements for the 8.45 start (this must only be for those who have no other option).

If you have more than 1 child in different groups you can arrive at the earliest time and drop all children off together. You may be asked to take children to different entrances but this will be explained on the individual letters sent next week when we have the correct numbers attending.

Children in EYFS and year 1 will still be entitled to universal free school meals but we will only be offering a picnic style lunch. Children can order a lunch in their class each morning when they arrive or bring their own from home. Children from the key worker group or year 6 will be able to order a cold lunch each morning or bring their own. Payments can be made in the usual way. Children who are entitled to a free school meal will still be able to request this.

We have worked hard over the past week to ensure that all our risk assessments and safe systems of work are in place and that we will be ready to welcome children back as safely as possible. If you have any questions or concerns around this matter please feel free to email or call school. Once the governors have approved these assessments in place they will be available upon request.

Finally we would again like to thank you for your continued support and remind you to contact us with any questions or concerns. It is a difficult time for all and the most important thing is that we all support and respect each other. We are looking forward to seeing you all as soon as it is safe to do so.

Take care and keep safe,

Mr D Thompson
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