



Dear Parents and Carers,

Important – link to parent/carer survey below

You will no doubt be aware of the latest Government Guidance, Our Plan to Rebuild: The UK Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy ([full guidance](#)) includes primary schools starting to partially reopen from June 1st, initially to Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6, but with a view to opening to all year groups before the summer break. At present we are still dealing with a pandemic and guidance remains clear:

- Stay at home wherever possible
- Wash hands regularly
- Cough/Sneeze - Catch It, Bin It, Kill It
- Social Distancing should continue (2 metre distance)

Any reopening of schools is based on keeping the infection rate down. We will only move to re-open schools if the five key tests set by government justify it. However, the government is now asking schools to plan on this basis, ahead of confirmation that these tests are met. We are working from government advice on protective measures in educational settings to help begin to plan how things would be when/if we re-open ([guidance can be read here](#)). It is clear that school would look very different from how things were before the lockdown.

There is an acknowledgement that early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 meters apart from each other and staff at all times. Therefore, our key measures would be to distance as much as we are able, to encourage regular handwashing and cleaning down of surfaces. We would remove all soft toys and all soft furnishings that we can. We would need to keep the children in small groups (fewer than 15) with one adult all day. There would be no mixing of groups during the day. To accomplish that, we would need staggered start and finish times and different break times and lunchtimes. It might be that the children eat their lunch in the classroom. There would be no collective worship or assemblies together. We would try and have as much learning outdoors as possible. However, if one member of that group then tests positive for the virus then everyone in that group would have to self-isolate for 14 days.

It might also be that we also look at having a 4 day week so that we have a 72 hour time period (Friday to Sunday) to allow any virus still existing on surfaces to degrade. There are currently a lot of 'ifs' and 'buts' and guidance, no doubt, will be regularly updated between now and June. We are working with the local authority and other local headteachers to try and agree the best way forward. A detailed risk assessment and plan would be shared with you before we opened so that you are aware of how things will be.

Attendance will not be compulsory and we respect your right to decide what is best for your child. We also intend to continue to provide remote learning support and to offer provision here on site for vulnerable children and children of key-workers as needed. **In order to begin to plan we need to know your views. We would be grateful if you would fill in this online e-survey so that we can get an idea of how many children might return on re-opening of school this term.**

[Link to survey – please click here.](#)

In the meantime, we hope you are all safe and well.

Kind regards,
Rebecca