

13th May 2020

Dear Parents,

Following the Governments announcement that Schools *may* implement a phased return for Nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 6 from 1st June at the earliest (provided that the five key tests set by the government justify changes at this time) we are carefully planning for the return of some of our pupils and looking at the protective measures which will need to be place. The full Government guidance can be found [here](#).

When considering opening the school to more pupils the safety of our children, families and staff is our utmost priority.

We recognise that some parents may have reservations about sending their children back to school before the summer holidays or who, for medical reasons may not be able to return at this time. As such, we will be sending out a ParentMail survey to give us an indication of how many children could be on site in addition to our current Key Worker children, and therefore guide our considerations on providing education through a combined onsite and remote setting.

To ensure a safe and structured return we need to consider many factors: space, number of pupils in each class, teaching remotely v teaching in class, numbers of staff available, site preparation, PPE, catering etc.

There will be many preventative measures put in place to keep everyone safe and we will be following the [Governments Guidance](#) in this regard. These will include:

- Staggered drop off and pick up times from different entrances to the school
- Staggered breaks and lunches
- Classes spread across 2 classrooms, making use of the village hall(s) and adjoining rooms and outdoor space where possible observing the 2m social distancing rule where possible.
- Changes to timetables
- Ability to 'contain' groups of children and staff
- Regular cleaning during the day of high contact areas such as door handles and thorough cleaning each evening
- Hand sanitizer in each classroom (children encouraged to bring their own)
- PPE packs for staff in each classroom – Staff/children will not be required to wear masks as per government guidelines

We will continue to test and develop our classroom and remote teaching infrastructure to ensure continuity of provision for all pupils.

Further information will be sent to parents once we have collated the results from the survey and have a clearer indication of the number of pupils we may have on site, along with the risk assessment of our building layout and staffing capacity, which will drive this decision.

It would be appreciated if you could complete the form which will follow this email by the end of tomorrow (Thursday 14th May) so that we can advise you of our plans in good time.

Kind regards

Heathcote Management Team