

12th May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

COVID 19 – FURTHER GUIDANCE ISSUED TO SCHOOLS ON 11TH MAY 2020

Yesterday evening, a number of guidance documents were issued by the Department for Education. These provided information to schools regarding:

- actions for potential opening from the 1st June (please note that this is not a guaranteed date)
- priority year groups and groups to consider in the first instance
- protective measures to be considered when opening to increased numbers of children.

The guidance is clear that there will be a phased re-opening **if the conditions are right for doing so.**

There are a number of unanswered questions at this point and we are seeking clarity from the DFE on these as well as awaiting the more detailed guidance promised. In the meantime, we are working behind the scenes to draw up plans which would allow us to open when the time is right and in line with guidance and safety considerations.

The safety of our children, families and staff remains our main concern and our decisions will be made with this in mind.

In the near future, if your child is in one of the priority year groups or a group identified by the Government, we will be in contact to find out your thoughts on sending your child into school from the 1st June.

Information for parents has been issued which will provide further information: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-</u> for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june

This situation is rapidly changing and guidance is evolving. We will update you as soon as we are able and thank you for bearing with us.

Yours sincerely

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