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C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following my letter last week regarding opening the school on Monday 1st June for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, I can now provide you with further information as to what this is likely to look like at our school. All plans have been carefully considered and are based on government guidance. They could however, still be subject to change as we await further advice and more detailed guidance from the Local Authority.

Specific measures to ensure the safety of pupil's staff and parents will include:

- Opening an additional entrance via the field for drop off and collection of children in Wren Class and Year 1
- Restricting drop off and collection of children to one parent per family.
- Children in year 6 and children of key workers in years 2,3,4,5 entering via the usual school gates, and going straight to their classrooms.
- Children learning in groups of up to 15 children to allow for increased distancing. Initial groupings will be as follows, but this is subject to change once we know actual numbers of children attending.
 - Reception – Wren classroom
 - Year 1 – Robin classroom
 - Year 6 – Pheasant classroom
 - Children of key workers in years 2,3,4,5 - Woodpecker classroom
- All children will remain in the same groups with the same adults when possible. Please note this may not be their normal class teacher or TA.
- Other than classrooms and toilet facilities, access to communal school areas will be restricted for children.
- Children must not bring in pencil cases from home – all resources will be provided. PE Kits, coats etc. will be stored in the children's classroom.
- The playground and field will be divided into four separate areas to allow the children to play at the same time but whilst maintaining social distancing between groups.
- Children will wear school uniform that must be washed at the end of every day. (We do appreciate that some children may have grown out of their school uniform and have a stock of good quality second hand uniform that will be on sale if anyone needs to purchase some.)
- Hand washing and good hygiene will remain a high priority.
- All families attending must agree to comply with government rules of social distancing and must not socialise with wider family and friends unless lockdown rules are relaxed further.
- It will not be possible for siblings in other year groups to attend school, unless they are already eligible under the 'critical key worker' scheme already in place.
- During this phased return, parents and carers will not be allowed to enter the school building. (If a parent wishes to speak to a teacher please leave a message at the school office, or email)

We realise that this could be a very unsettling time for you and your child and will, of course do all we can to help every child settle and ensure they feel relaxed. We recognise that some children will find social distancing difficult to understand and stick to and, although we cannot guarantee keeping all children 2m apart, we will take all reasonable and sensible measures to



try to adhere to social distancing measures.

Attendance for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will not be compulsory, but is "strongly encouraged" by the government. We fully understand the concerns that many parents are feeling at the moment but are hoping that all eligible children will be in school. If you know you are not intending to send your child in, or would like to chat any aspect of your child returning to school through with me in further detail, please either call the school or contact me via email as soon as possible.

As stated in my previous letter, further guidance for parents and carers as schools and other education settings in England open to more children and young people can be found via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Thank you for all your support at this time

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'A'.

Adrian King
Head teacher