

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you are aware of the recent government announcements about the proposed reopening of schools to children in Reception, Year 1, Year 6, Year 10 and Year 12 from Monday 1st June. Children of critical workers and vulnerable children are currently eligible to attend school and it is proposed this will continue.

Please find below a link to the government guidance for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

We are currently working through the organisational implications of this proposal and writing a risk assessment. As part of this, we have already developed some guiding principles which include teaching groups of no more than 10 pupils per member of staff and that on-going and deep cleaning are completed throughout and during the school day and week respectively.

Using our guiding principles, we will have a phased return and Headteachers will contact you to provide more information about how and when your child will have the opportunity to return to school.

It is important to note that the Prime Minister has said 'Schools should prepare to begin to open for more children from 1 June.' The decision for this is not yet confirmed and is part of the move to 'Stage 2' but it is anticipated that a final decision will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> May. As soon as this is determined, Headteachers will contact you with further information.

We are all very aware that this is an exceptionally difficult time for so many people, including the children, and you as parents. We are all facing challenges we had never anticipated. As we move forward, we will work hard to find ways to support you and your children in the new context we find ourselves in.

Yours Sincerely



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