



**Head Teacher: Mrs Dionne Hurst**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**Possible return to school for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 the Prime Minister announced that more pupils could start returning to school from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. School leaders have been asked to start planning for this possible return and considering what we can safely offer. We cannot do this until we have a clear picture of how many parents are likely to want to send their children to school.

We are writing to you to set out two choices that may be available to you:

Either:

**OPTION 1 – Child returns to school from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

- Children will be in small teaching groups of no more than 15 with a teacher and/or a teaching assistant. It may not be their own teacher. They may be based in their own room, they may not be. They may be with their friends, they may not be.
- Their group of no more than 15 will not mix with any other group at any point during the day, including lunchtime and playtime, which will be staggered.
- The curriculum will be reduced, with a focus on the core skills of Reading, Writing and Maths.
- Different groups will be given different start and finish times with children being dropped off at the playground gate and not their classroom doors. We will be asking parents not to come earlier or later than their allotted time and to queue 2 metres apart.
- Sadly, it will not be possible for parents to come into the building without prior agreement. This is to minimise contact between adults on the school site and to protect our staff. If parents need to speak to a member of staff, we will ask you to email or telephone the school office.
- We will be promoting good hygiene throughout the day, including regular hand washing and use of hand sanitisers.
- We will ensure more frequent cleaning routines i.e. door handles, hard surfaces, frequently touched objects (although it will be impossible to carry out a deep clean of every item every day).
- It will be difficult, if not impossible to enforce a strict 2 metre distance between all children at all times, especially with the younger children. The Government has acknowledged this in the guidance that they sent to schools.
- Staff will only be wearing masks if they need to provide personal care e.g. first aid to a child or if a child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms. Children are not to wear masks and they will not have their temperature checked routinely.

- If a child does display symptoms, parents will be contacted to collect them immediately and they will be expected to isolate for 14 days, and encouraged to get tested. If a test is positive, all pupils and staff in that teaching group will be asked to quarantine for 14 days. If a test is negative, they can return to school.
- Children eligible for free school meals will be given their meal instead of a supermarket voucher. School meals will be available for other children attending. Normal charges will apply for these children. Children in Year 6 can bring a packed lunch if they wish. Lunch will be eaten in the hall, with social distancing measures put in place.

### **OPTION 2 – Child does NOT return to school from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

#### **This decision will be accepted and supported by the school.**

- We will continue to provide learning opportunities for children at home via home learning packs and online activities.
- Teachers will continue to keep in contact with families by telephone.
- There will be no action taken for non-attendance – no chasing up or fines.
- Families eligible for Free School Meals will continue to receive their supermarket voucher through Edenred.
- We will work with Secondary Schools to support the transition of Year 6 pupils to their new schools.
- There will be a second opportunity to send your child to school from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020, and we will be in touch one week before to ask parents if they plan to use this.

#### **Next Steps**

We hope that this letter has given you some information to help you make the best choice for your child at this time.

We now need all parents and carers of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to tell us if they are planning to send their children to school from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. A link will be text to you. Please respond by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

As always, we are here to support if there is anything we can do.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Hurst  
Headteacher