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Dear Parents,

We hope that both you and your families are safe and well. Thank you for all your support during these challenging times. We are writing to update you with our plans for reopening school which will commence from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. School will be closed for all children, including those of key workers, for one day only, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Work for children will still be provided on this day.

From 9<sup>th</sup> June, we are intending to extend our school provision for children in year 1. Key worker and vulnerable children will also continue to be able to attend every day or as needed.

For year 1 children, their return will commence with two days each week, initially on Tuesday and Thursday. This will be reviewed after the first two weeks with the possibility of extending the offer to another day each week. Year 6 children will provisionally be joining us week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> July for a transition package and further details of this will be made available in the coming weeks.

Year 1 will be split into small groups which are referred to as 'bubbles'. Each bubble will have a teacher and a TA and will be located in separate classrooms. Your child may not have their usual teacher in their bubble.

Children will be greeted and dismissed at the main office, at these times:

	Arrival Time	Dismissal Time
Year 1	9:15 – 9:30am	2:45 – 3pm
Key Worker	8:50 – 9:05am	3 – 3:10pm

In the interest of safety and complying with all Local Authority guidance, the following restrictions are in place until further notice:

- Only one parent can bring/collect their child/ren each day.
- Parents will not be permitted on to the school playground or visit the school office.
- All enquiries should be dealt with by phone or email.
- Parents are asked not to linger once children have been dropped/collected at school.

During the day, children will stay in their bubble for all sessions and have staggered breaks and dinner times. This means they will not mix with children from other bubbles. All government guidelines and safety measures will be adhered to, including 2 metre social distancing, where possible, and regular handwashing. Each bubble will have their own set of toilets and handwashing facilities. Hand sanitising stations will be established in each classroom and at the entrance to school and frequent cleaning will take place during the day. Each child will be provided with a set of resources for their personal use only.

We need to inform you that there will be new rules in school for social distancing to keep everyone safe. If your child is unable to follow these rules, for the safety of themselves and others, we will ask you to keep them at home and access home learning instead.

Our priority for the children's return will be their well-being and settling them into school, initially with new routines, as school will be very different and they will need a period of adjustment.

Hot meals, for the time being, have been suspended, whilst children are required to eat in their classroom bubbles. A grab bag option can be ordered via the usual Dolce website or, alternatively, a pack lunch brought from home. All children returning to school must bring a named water bottle to avoid cross-contamination. There will be no after school clubs available until further notice.

Guidance stipulates that children should wear a fresh set of clothes each time they attend the premises, therefore non-uniform can be worn until further notice.

This is an anxious time for families and a very big decision you are making for your children. Whilst we would like to see pupils settle back into the school environment, we also understand your predicament. Therefore, if you make the choice to keep your child at home, no penalties will be applied at this present time. If you decide, after reading this letter, you no longer wish to send your child to school, please let us know as soon as possible. If you do make the decision for your child to join us, this should be a solid arrangement as adhoc days cannot be accommodated.

We are sorry if you are disappointed that your child cannot return to school in this first phase of the wider opening. We hope you understand that the decisions that have been made are to protect the interests of everyone, with a safe and sensible approach that follows guidance in accordance with Governor consultation.

Home learning will continue to be provided for all children not attending school, in all year groups, as well as resources still available on the school website. At this point, with the guidance in place and the imposed safety regulations, wider opening is likely to be much slower than initially suggested by the government. When further information is available, with regards to the remaining year groups in school, Governors and the Senior Leadership Team will provide additional details.

Thank you for your support during these difficult times.

Regards,



Kate Sanderson  
Chair of Governors