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Dear Parents/Carers of children who have been eligible to attend since schools officially closed in March 2020,

Key worker children who have regularly attended partial closure provision

If your child has attended school regularly during the partial closure of schools since 20th March, I inform you that provision will continue for your children. If your child happens to be in Year 1, 6 or Reception class, they will work with the same small group of their own peers on the days that they attend as this will mean they have the benefit of being taught by familiar staff, with children of the same age that they know. You will see in separate correspondence that other reception children can only attend one week on, one week off – please know that your child can attend in any week, when their small group of peers is not in school your child will re-join other keyworker children in a similar way to the experience they have shared to date. I realise this may raise questions but I can assure you this is in line with recommended practice for well-being.

Key worker children who have not attended to date

If you informed school and gave proof of your critical key worker role during March 2020, but have not needed to access the partial school provision, a member of our leadership team will telephone you to discuss whether you will need your child to return to school after 1st June 2020 (if it is that schools reopen from this date). We understand your circumstances may have changed and you may now require days in school. We will contact you directly and discuss this with you.

Vulnerable children

If your child has an allocated social worker, your child is entitled to attend, regardless of their year group, as previously.

You will receive a separate letter addressed to all parents & carers giving the details about the school plans to reopen to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This may be applicable to you because of the age of your own child/ren but in any case, it is important to share the detail of our careful planning with all parents so you can be clear about our procedures.

Because the site will be open to more children, current arrangements for drop off and pick up, entrance and exit may change for your child. We are proud to have been able to offer meals on site for all children free of charge but this will not be the case from 1st June. You may choose to send a packed lunch or can pay for a school dinner if you choose that option, families eligible for free school meals will continue to have one supplied. Once we know how many children plan to return, you will be given specific details of the timing of the day – please be reassured that it will not be shorter than the current arrangements you are used to.



I also wish to advise you that it may be necessary to close the school during half term (or part of this week) to allow staff to fully prepare the site for safe reopening. It would be helpful to know in advance what dates you were hoping your child could attend week beginning 25th May 2020 because it is very important to me that we make every effort to keep providing this service, where it is most needed for critical key workers, and we will make every effort to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Byrne

