



21<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents,

In response to the government's expectations that schools will reopen for specified year groups in June, we have been working hard to ensure we are well prepared for children both in school and at home. We have written detailed risk assessments and revised our procedures in line with the government's guidelines. We have prioritised the safety of pupils, staff and parents.

We realise that parents will want to know what will happen once our school starts to re-open. We are writing to you so we can share the ways in which we are adapting school procedures, in order to respond to the government's plans.

## **Learning for children at home:**

Children will continue to receive the Padlett learning they have received recently as well as the phone calls and Zoom meetings. As of June 1<sup>st</sup> some children will be returning to school in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and teachers from across the school will be teaching small groups of children throughout the week. Please be aware that your child's teacher may be teaching a different class on the day you need them i.e. Mr Pastore will be teaching a Year 1 group for 2 days a week. I know they will get back to you as soon as they can so please be patient.

## **Communicating with school:**

We encourage you to email or phone the office rather than come into school. You may also continue to communicate with your child's class teacher as you have done recently. Please be aware they are now in school teaching so they may not get back to you as quickly!

The school grounds are now a parent-free zone which goes against our usual friendly and welcoming practice. We are significantly restricting the number of visitors on site. Please make all contact with school either by telephone or the admin email.

## **Changes in Plans**

The government's plans have been challenged by unions. At this point in time, we are unaware that this has changed the government's stance and so we've continued with our planning; we need to make sure we are prepared and that our parents are informed. However, should there be any change in position, we will let you know as soon as we can.

## **Parental Information**

The government has informed us that no parent will be fined if they keep their child away from school. You will have heard through the media that understandably some parents are unsure or worried about sending their children back to school once invited. By providing information about our plans and procedures, we hope this will help parents to make informed decisions, knowing that we have the safety and welfare of our children at the core of all our arrangements.

I usually keep letters short and to the point and am very aware of the volume of information in this letter. We hope you appreciate the need to share our plans so you have the knowledge that everything that can be done, will be done. We are very much looking forward to seeing you and your children again.

Wishing you all good health.

Laura Hall

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