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Dear Parents

Opening school to Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6

As you are aware, Government has requested that schools open from 1st June for children in Early Years Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 6. This is in addition to the ongoing support provided by schools to support vulnerable pupils and children of key workers.

I would like to thank parents who have children in the relevant year groups who have let us know whether their children will return to school. This has helped with our planning and preparations.

The Government has published a great deal of guidance to support schools. We do want children to return to school but our priority is to maintain the highest standards of safety for our children, staff and wider school community. As part of this we need to plan and put into place a wide variety of measures to reduce the potential to transmit disease, and ensure we protect everybody's health and wellbeing.

As part of our preparations, Monday 1st June and Tuesday 2nd June are INSET Days that have been set by ODSST to ensure that schools within the trust are as prepared as they can be.

If the Government confirms it is safe to do so, we will re-open on Wednesday 3rd June. On the 3rd June and for every Wednesday until further notice we will only be opening until 12:00 for **all** of our children. This is to give time for our teachers to prepare lessons and to undertake an enhanced programme of cleaning works in the school.

What will be different in June?

As part of our risk assessment we have had to make adjustments to how the school day will run and children will work.

Timings of the school day

The drop off and pick up times for each group of children in school will be phased to reduce the number of parents on the school site. This will be as follows:

	Key worker and vulnerable children	EYFS	Y1	Y6
	Mrs Niner Mrs Harris Miss Barnhill	Miss Malone Miss Illott Mrs Roberts Mrs Guy	Miss Palmer Mrs Rolfe	Mrs Barnett Miss Bracewell
Drop off	8:30	9:00	8:45	8:30
Pick up	3:00	2:30	2:45	3:00
Pick up Wednesday	12:15	11:45	12:00	12:15

There will be no After School Club running in the Summer Term.

Bubbles/Groups

Children will work in "bubbles" with their adults. We will be minimising contact between bubbles in the following ways:

- Children will stay in their designated classroom/outdoor space throughout the day. Each bubble will have a separate lunchtime and breaktime.
- Staff will not move between bubbles (with the exception of Mrs Murrey and Mrs York)



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- There will be a one-way system in the playground for drop off, **staff will collect children one by one** from a designated space in the playground and escort them to their classroom. Parent will be asked to wait on the hard standing – socially distanced – and be admitted one at a time into the playground.
- **Only one parent per family** will be allowed into the playground to drop off
- Parents need to **arrive promptly** for their drop off time
- **Parents can not enter the school buildings**
- Parents **must observe 2m social distancing** whilst waiting for the gate to open and within the school grounds at drop off and pick up
- Movement around school will be reduced to a minimum

When Y1 and Y6 children are working indoors they will use their own workstation, and their own equipment provided by school.

We can not guarantee that children will respect the rules of social distancing, and as parents you need to take this into account when deciding whether or not your child returns to school.

Protective measures

We will follow the guidance issued by the DfE on protective measures as detailed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

I would like to highlight the following from this guidance:

- Children and adults with symptoms of COVID-19 **MUST** inform school immediately, stay at home and self-isolate for 7 days
- Staff have a clear protocol to follow if a child or member of staff displays symptoms during the day:
 - Child removed from group and sent home
 - This child must be tested as soon as possible and school informed of the result
 - If a test is positive the rest of that bubble (children and staff) will need to self-isolate for 14 days
- In addition there will be:
 - Regular hand washing for 20 seconds with running water and soap
 - Good hygiene practices including “catch it, bin it and kill it”
 - Removal of any excess items in the classroom, including anything difficult to clean
 - An expectation that staff socially distance where possible

Uniform and other equipment

Guidance recommends that clothes are washed at the end of each school day. Children should wear school uniform. However, we understand that this might not be possible at all times when there is a need to wash clothes more frequently.

During this period our expectations around uniform will be more relaxed but please make sure that your child wears **sensible shoes such as trainers**. We are asking that children do not bring their PE kit into school with them.

We will not be providing any school meal service during this period so please can all children bring a packed lunch every day.

Children should only bring a packed lunch box, water bottle, coat if needed, sunscreen (already applied at home ideally) and a hat if warm, to school each day. **Please do not bring any other items to school: no book bags, school bags or toys.** Please ensure that lunchboxes are thoroughly cleaned each day.

Children will be given any stationery needed at school.

I thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Mrs L Murrey
Headteacher