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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The newsletter this week is a day early, but I know you are all keen to know what will happen after 1st. June.

The Prime Minister has just confirmed we are on the right track to control the virus and that he expects schools to begin to open to more year groups from 1st. June.

Thank you to those parents and carers who responded to our questionnaire last week about whether your child will return to school this term should the opportunity arise. We appreciate you taking the time to help us.

We have been busy planning across this week as to how we will open, based on the numbers from those returned questionnaires. It is vital we know how many children we can accommodate in school safely:

- Working in small groups of no more than 15 pupils
- Keeping 2 meters apart whenever possible
- Handwashing across the day
- Ensuring no contact between groups or 'bubbles'
- Allocating specific times for dropping off and collecting.

We want to reassure all parents/carers that we are doing our best to plan as effectively and as safely as we can. We will do this as the Prime Minister suggests - cautiously and carefully to ensure we all stay alert to any risk.

Below I am outlining our plan:

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THESE DATES ARE, AS YET, NOT CONFIRMED AS EACH PHASE WILL NEED TO BE WORKING SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY BEFORE WE CAN MOVE TO THE NEXT PHASE OF THE PLAN.

Monday 1st June - this week is for families who have pre-booked their child in to our critical childcare as usual. The wider staff team will be in school to receive training on the new routines and processes needed, and to prepare their classrooms.

Phase 1 - Monday 8th June - will continue to be those families who have pre-booked their child into our critical childcare, but with new routines, entrances, time slots to stagger drop off and pick up, lunchtime etc - full details will be sent to individual families next week.

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Phase 2 - Monday 15th June at the earliest - will, if the routines / numbers permit; begin to welcome reception pupils back to school. Full details will be sent to individual families nearer the time.

Phase 3 - Monday 22nd June at the earliest - will, if the routines / numbers permit; begin to welcome Year 1 pupils back to school. Full details will be sent to individual families nearer the time.

Phase 4 - Monday 29th June at the earliest - will, if the routines / numbers permit; begin to welcome Year 6 pupils back to school. Full details will be sent to individual families nearer the time.

Based on the numbers of pupils who have indicated they will return to school we do not currently envisage pupils in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5, whose parents/carers are not critical workers, returning to school this term. Home learning will continue to be set each week for these pupils.

As we work through the phases of our plan, we will be in touch with you regarding specific dates, routines and expectations for individual families and we will continue to update our 'Frequently Asked Questions' which you can find on the news page of the School website. Please remember, as we balance the phased opening, there is the possibility that at any time, should the risk increase, school may need to close again.

PLEASE NOTE that any child with symptoms will not be allowed in school and we will follow all Public Health England advice. We strongly recommend that any child who is unwell for any reason is kept at home.

We would like to thank parents and carers for all your support and kind messages. You have all done a great job with continuing your children's education in these very challenging circumstances.

Please continue to make the most of your time at home with your children.

Please take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Shirley Welsh

Headteacher.