



Arnside National Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer

Following the Government announcement on Sunday evening, you will be aware that there are provisional plans in place to partially reopen schools from the 1st June. This will be for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 6 pupils. We will also continue to offer emergency Key Worker childcare provision.

The guidance published by the DFE includes a wide range of measures that schools will have to adopt as part of the control measures for Covid-19. As a result, the provision put in place will not be 'normal' school and pupils will have to adhere to a range of measures such as: a staggered start / breaktime / lunchtime / finish, small group work (possibly with different class teachers), social distancing where possible (arrangement of desks / rooms), limited sharing of resources and minimal movement around the school building. Logistically, this is extremely challenging for school as the staff have their own childcare, family issues and shielding constraints to contend with and therefore may not be able to resume normal working hours. The safety and well-being of pupils and staff is our absolute priority and we will do everything we can to create a safe and secure environment.

During this time, we are hoping to reopen hot school lunches and, once confirmed, could be ordered using the existing online system. We will also continue to provide home learning plans and resources for pupils in Year 2, 3, 4 & 5.

Parents / Carers will not be fined if a child does not attend and attendance will not be audited. There may be cases where there are shielding concerns for the child or members of their household and therefore we respect the difficult decisions families will face. We understand if you choose not to send your child into school during this phased return but please inform us if you are considering this and we can discuss any issues you may have.

We will make every effort to minimise the potential risks but as you will understand, effective social distancing with young children is extremely challenging! We are currently in the process of organising staffing, routines and procedures to ensure that we are in a position to partially reopen on the 1st June. More detailed information will be sent out in due course and we will keep you informed of any changes. In the meantime, stay safe and look after each other.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sharp



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