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Dear Parents/ Carers

Re possible reopening of school to more pupils in June.

I hope you have all had a relaxing half term break and made the most of the beautiful sunshine. At the end of last term I wrote to you outlining a possible phased reopening for school. In the letter I explained that we would reopen for Year 6 from Monday 8th June if we felt that it was safe to reopen and our risk assessment had been quality assured by the local authority.

As it stands, the guidance from the Local Authority and Government Scientific Advisory Group (SAGE) is that it would be much safer if schools did not open before Monday 15th June 2020. Advice that is particularly pertinent in the North West where Covid19 cases are still rising. As such, I have advised the Governing Board that we **WILL NOT** be opening to Year 6 on Monday as initially planned. If, during the course of next week, we believe it is safe to do so, we will open for Year 6 on **Monday 15th June 2020**. Other classes will then be phased in after this. Information will be sent to individual classes outlining specific plans nearer to their start date. A copy of the school Risk Assessment will be attached to these class letters. A new Home School Agreement will also be attached to this letter and will need to be signed before children can return to school.

As explained in the previous letter and in various posts on Facebook and Twitter, children can only come back into the 'Class or Key Worker Bubbles' if we have already been notified that they will be returning. Bubbles are limited to between 12 and 15 children, with priority years for 'Class Bubbles' being Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. As a school we have also prioritised Year 5. Other year groups will only open if we have the staff and classroom space to house bubbles. A tentative timetable therefore is:

Year 6 Monday 15th June 2020

Year 1 Monday 22nd June 2020

Nursery, Reception and Year 5 Monday 29th June 2020

Years 2, 3 and Year 4 Monday 6th July 2020.

All of these dates are subject to change. Children who are not expected will not be allowed to enter school. Only the children of individual classes can be sent in – do not send in siblings unless their class bubble is open and we are expecting them.

In the meantime, school continues to be open for the approximately 30 children who have been attending since school closed on March 20th. These children are children of key workers or those identified by the government, as being vulnerable. We know that some employers will be encouraging you to return to work and if you need for your child/ children to have a place in the key worker bubbles please contact the school office. The key worker bubbles will continue to run from 8am. The key worker and class bubbles will not mix at any point during the school day. Your child can not move between bubbles.



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As I said previously, home learning continues to be the priority form of education for our children and it is looking like it will be for the foreseeable future. In order to ensure that students do not fall behind in their education, we must continue to work together to ensure that they make good progress through home learning. New home learning packs for the next 3 weeks are available for collection from the school office now. From Monday 22nd June 2020, we will be changing the format of the home learning packs. The new packs will mirror what is being undertaken in individual class or key worker bubbles. These packs will be based on a weekly topic.

The weekly topics will be:

Monday 22 nd June	Music
Monday 29 th June	Under the Sea
Monday 6 th July	Rainforests
Monday 13 th July	Sport.

Unfortunately the guidance from the Government remains very vague and at present we have not been given any information regarding school reopening in September. I know that many of you will have lots of questions about the start of the new academic year and I will, as soon as plans are finalised provide you with as much information as I can. A number of people have been contacting the school office to ask about school uniform orders, we will not be placing a school uniform order before the end of Summer Term. For safety reasons, during the first half term of next year (September to October) children will not be wearing school uniform, they will be expected to wear their own clothing.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Stay safe

Jackie Harland
Head Teacher