

MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL



Headteacher: Mrs C Gibbs B.Ed, (Hons)

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you are well and taking care? Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in helping us to continue the learning of the children of MIS; we are all grateful for your efforts. We appreciate what you are doing and we will continue to work with you to best facilitate your child's learning over the remainder of this academic year.

I am now able to share with you our plans for the wider re-opening of Melbourne Infants. Following government guidance, the school has remained open since March to the children of key workers and children who are vulnerable and we are now planning for the return of children in Reception and then those in Year 1.

We have carried out a comprehensive risk assessment to support our plans. Our priority is to ensure that teachers, children and parents/carers are confident that risks have been minimised.

We plan to operate a phased return of groups. This enables us to monitor and adapt the control measures which have been put in place, to manage the risks identified in the risk assessments. These risk assessments are reviewed continually, therefore procedures may have to be amended.

The outcome of re-organising our classrooms to adhere to current guidelines is that we have a total in-school capacity for 82 of our 188 children. Key worker children identified already account for 50% of this capacity. Therefore, it is unlikely that a large number of non-keyworker children will be able to return to school until the distancing requirements are relaxed.

The phasing dates we have met or are aiming for are as follows:

Phase	Date completed/ aim* to be completed	Action taken
1.	23 rd March - current	Continue to offer places for the key worker children from any year group.
2.	20 th May	Survey sent to Reception and Year 1 parents to identify intention of return to school and key worker status.
3.	1 st June onwards	School welcomed back more key worker children.
4.	8 th June onwards	All key worker children in Reception and Year 1 to be welcomed back to school full time. Year 2 key worker children continue.
5.	15 th June onwards	Welcome back non key worker Reception children.
6.	22 nd June onwards	Welcome back non key worker Year 1 children.

*The above is our aim and hence dates are not guaranteed.



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Learning for our pupils who are not able to return to school will continue to be supported, as has been the case, through the dojo activities.

As you can appreciate this has been a very challenging task to organise. We want to do the best we can for all of our children ensuring that their mental health and wellbeing and academic needs are met.

I fully understand that as parents you may feel incredibly frustrated, especially our Year 2 parents. We are continuing to liaise with the Junior School regarding transition and will be in touch soon. As teachers, we want all of our children to return as safely and as quickly as possible, however the situation is largely dictated by government and Local Authority guidance. I will continue to stay in communication with you regarding the different phases of our opening.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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