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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

This letter sets out how school will be opening after half term on Tuesday the 2nd June in the light of Lancashire County Council's recent advice to schools that they should not be opening more widely at the moment.

Before I set out these arrangements, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their understanding and cooperation since we had to close to the majority of children in March. I know that this period has been challenging for many families, in particular when you have had to juggle work commitments with managing childcare, if you have children with special educational needs or a disability, or if you are a single parent.

Week beginning: Tuesday the 2nd June

Who? Children of key workers* and vulnerable children who are already attending should attend as usual.

Week beginning: Monday 8th of June

In line with government and LCC guidance, we must continue to welcome the children of key workers and vulnerable children. Therefore from 8th June we will allocate places in the following order:

Who? Children of more key workers* and vulnerable children with priority being given in the following order to:

- a) Children identified by school as vulnerable
- b) Families with 2 key workers* or single parent families with 1 key worker
- c) Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 (in this order as prescribed by the government) with 1 key worker* parent.
- d) Children with 1 key worker* parent in any other year group
- e) Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 (in this order as prescribed by the government) where families requested a return to school on the survey.

* We will be asking for proof of Key worker status. If you indicated you were a keyworker in the previous survey, we will be contacting you to provide further information.



Places will be allocated using these criteria up to a number which, according to detailed risk assessments, can safely be accommodated in the building and supervised safely by an appropriate level of staffing.

Unfortunately breakfast and after school clubs will not be running at this time. As you know they are a separately owned and run enterprise, and the Managing Director feels she is unable to offer this service at present.

If you are unsure whether your child should attend the setting due to a health condition that they or someone they live with has, please contact us so we can discuss the details with you.

First and foremost, it goes without saying that the safety of your child, our staff and everyone's families is our top priority. We have been working hard, following all the government guidance, to develop and implement a number of new ways of operating. This will allow us to open as safely as possible, focusing on measures that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our setting.

Some of the steps we are taking in readiness for reopening include:

- Asking that anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who is, does not attend the setting. That includes children and staff who work here.
- Keeping our children in small groups "bubbles" with as much consistent staffing as possible, and minimising contact with other groups around the setting.
- Different "bubbles" will have a rota of play times to minimise physical interaction on the yards.
- There will not be any physical whole school assemblies
- Cleaning our hands more often than usual. We have developed routines to ensure children understand when and how to wash their hands, making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered. Each classroom will have sanitiser at the door.
- Ensuring our children understand good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and ensuring a good supply of tissues and bins throughout the setting.
- Implementing an enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including table tops, door handles and wipe-able play equipment. There will only be a limited amount of play equipment and in FS/KS1 bubbles only.
- Asking parents and carers to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children, and to limit drop off and collection to one parent or carer per household at a time. Parents should drop children off at the main gate from where children will need to line up on the bottom yard in their bubble lines. At the end of the day, parents should line up on the same bubbles lines and staff will send children out to meet their parents as they



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reach the front of the line. Different arrangements will be in place for drop off and collection for EYFS bubbles.

- Asking children not to bring any toys or other items from home to school.
- Eating our lunches in class (children can still order hot meals daily.) Sanitising all lunch bags on entry to school. Children to bring a water bottle that goes home daily for sanitising.
- Children to use different entrances and staggered drop off and pick up times. You will receive a plan with the entrance to use and times on separately to this letter.
- EYFS children can not be expected to maintain social distancing, but tables in older children's classrooms are all spaced 2m apart from each other and the staff to minimise potential aerosol transmission.
- Floor markings will show the children where to stand to maintain social distancing when moving around school and queuing to get into school and for handwashing/toileting etc.
- Children in school will be completing the same activities as those on the plans for home learning. We cannot guarantee that your child will have their familiar class teacher or be in their usual classroom as we need to allocate staffing and rooms to ensure the safest possible working environments for children and staff.

There are a number of things parents and carers can do to help us make these arrangements effective, in addition to the points listed above concerning arrival and departure, and not bringing toys/bags to school.

1. If your child has coronavirus symptoms they must not come into school. Please inform us as soon as possible (and request a test for the over 5's). If a member of your household has any symptoms then please keep your child at home for 14 days (or until a negative test result is received) and inform school. Under 5's please contact your GP.
2. If a child is unwell then it is expected that you will attempt to immediately collect your child. If they develop symptoms while at school, then they will be sat in an area without other children and will be looked after by a member of staff wearing PPE.
3. If a child or member of staff receives a positive test result, then the bubble will be shut for at least 14 days, or until the staff member is well enough to come back. If the test result is negative, then the bubble will reopen so long as no one else in the bubble tests positive.
4. Please talk to your child before they return to school about how different it might be. Many of the rooms have had furniture removed or moved around so that the children from Y2 upwards are sitting at single desks.
5. Children will need to wear their school uniforms but can wear trainers (but only if they can fasten them independently) as we will aim to be outside as much as possible. Children can bring a coat which will be hung on the back of their chair. No bags, pencil cases etc. should be brought in as school will provide all of these. We will not be using the lockers.



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I hope that this letter has given you the information you need to understand what arrangements we have made to enable children to return to us from 2nd June.

I know that reading this must make school seem a really strange place, and whilst there is no denying it is going to be very different, the good news is that all of the staff are still lovely, warm people who came into the job to make a positive difference to the lives of young people. And that is absolutely what everyone will continue to do. We know that these last few months have been very tough for us all, in many different ways, and understand that for some children coming back to school may be a little bit of a shock- or for others just a sheer delight! Wherever your child is at on this emotional roller-coaster, everyone is looking forward to welcoming your child[ren] back, and I hope that you are assured that we have taken all possible steps to ensure safety for all in our school.

Please keep checking back with the school Facebook/FOSSY Facebook, and look out for emails from class teachers as things may change later in June/July. We are particularly mindful that our Y6 children are not able to be back as a whole class at the moment, and of course we would normally be inducting our brand new YR children too in July.

For now, thank you for the many lovely messages of support- everyone at Scotforth does appreciate them, and the hard work that you at home are putting in too.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

Mrs A. Aylott

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