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Dear Parent

Our board of trustees met this morning and I can now fully explain plans for the further re-opening of our school. All of our plans are guided by the fundamental principle that we want to keep our children safe and well looked after, above all else.

Who Can Attend

On **Monday 8th June**, we will begin to open up the school to those year groups that the government have prioritised. Please see the start dates below for each year group.

Monday 8 th June	Nursery
Tuesday 9 th June	Reception
Wednesday 10 th June	Year 1
Thursday 11 th June	Year 6

Children of key workers and children who might be considered to be vulnerable are also able to attend, as they have done throughout the lockdown. **School is open to key worker children this week, and will continue to be open the week beginning the 1st June.**

We would ask that if your child is not 100% well, that you keep them at home until they feel better.

Those of you that remain unsure about whether or not to send your child back to school, be assured that we have their best interests at heart. Their safety, and the safety of our staff is paramount. If you choose not to send your child back to school, the guidance we have received from the government states that, *'Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time, and schools and colleges will not be held to account for attendance levels.'*

I need to inform you, however, that if you do not send your child on the start date above, then you will have to give 5 working days' notice before your child will be able to return to school. This is so that we can ensure staffing numbers are sufficient.

If we have staff shortages and this means that we are unable to be open for a particular group of children, we will be in touch with you as soon as we possibly can. In the event of this happening, please do not bring your children into school as we won't be able to accommodate them.

What Will Be Different in School

We will be doing everything we can to make school as normal as possible, but there will, of course, be a number of significant changes.

- Children will be in 'bubbles' of up to 15 children, plus staff. Each bubble will remain together and contact with anyone outside of this bubble will be kept to an absolute minimum. This

means that classrooms will have far fewer children in them than normal and will mean that your child may not be with their friends.

- Due to the way that we need to staff the bubbles, it may mean that your child will not be with their usual class teacher or indeed a teacher currently known to them.
- In Years 1 and 6 and in our key worker 'bubbles', children will be sat at an individual desk, socially distanced from other children.
- All breaks will be in a designated part of the playground, segregated for that bubble. Children will not be able to play with children from other bubbles.
- Lunch will be eaten in classrooms.
- There will be minimal movement around school. As much as possible, children will remain in their allocated classrooms.

Start and End of the School Day

Government guidelines state that we have to have a staggered start and end to the school day, to ensure social distancing coming in to school and on the playground. If you are a key worker, then please bring your child through the main entrance as normal. We will continue to operate from 8.30am until 4pm for key worker children. The rest of the school will operate from 9am until 3.30pm, with start and finish times being staggered by initial of surname. **Please do not contact the school office regarding your child's start and finish time as we are not able to change it at present.**

Surname	Start time	Finish time
A-I	9am	3pm
J-R	9.15am	3.15pm
S-Z	9.30am	3.30pm

Please ensure that you are prompt when dropping and picking up so that we can avoid large groups of parents congregating on the playground. Both the KS1 entrance into school and the Lavenham Road gate will be open as usual for access. There will be no access into the carpark until further notice.

In terms of dropping off points, nursery children should be dropped off at their usual entrance. Reception children will be met on the reception playground, Year 1 children on the KS1 playground and Year 6 children on the KS2 playground. **Under no circumstances will parents be allowed into school.** If you need to get in touch with your child's class teacher please email them, leave a message on Class Dojo, or contact the school office.

In order to minimise the number of people on site, I would be grateful if only one adult bring the child onto site. If you are accompanied by any other children, please ensure that they remain with you at all times.

School Meals

From the 1st June children will be able to bring their own packed lunch and we will recommence charging for meals provided by the school. Reception, Key Stage 1 children and children that are eligible for free school meals are entitled to a free school lunch. Until further notice, this will be a sandwich option only.

If your child is eligible for free school meals and is having to remain at home as they're in Year 2, 3, 4 or 5, then they will continue to receive the voucher provided by the government. Vouchers for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be provided up to Friday 12th June. If you choose not to send your child to school after this date, you will not be provided with a free school meal.

What Will a Typical Day Cover?

For all children returning, we will try and make the school day as familiar as possible. They will have sessions of English and Maths and our younger children will have phonics lessons. There will also be opportunities for children to access the wider curriculum.

What Your Child Will Need to Bring

From the 8th June your child will need to wear their school uniform, but we are relaxing some elements during this term. White polo shirts and grey/black school trousers/skirts should be worn. However, if your child has grown out of their uniform then a suitable alternative can be worn. Please do not send your child in jeans. Children should not bring PE kits to school, but will be allowed to wear trainers to make outside play easier. Following guidance from the Department for Education, children will not be allowed to wear face masks in school. Your child will be able to bring in their lunch box and water bottle. No other items should be brought into school.

Home Learning

Thank you for all that you have done whilst your children have been learning from home. For children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 this will continue as 'normal'. Work will be posted regularly on Class Dojo and feedback will be given as usual. As teachers of these year groups may be in class throughout the day, please be patient if your child has to wait for feedback. It may be that your child will receive feedback from someone other than their class teacher.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 and you choose not to send your child to school, we will continue to support your home learning. However, this may look a little different to now and feedback may not be given as promptly due to teachers being in class throughout the day.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 and are not able to attend school as they, or someone in their family is shielding, then we will continue to support their home learning as we have done previously.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast and After School Clubs will not run until further notice, as this would mean different 'bubbles' of children mixing together and we are therefore not able to provide this. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this causes to working parents and carers.

I realise that there is a lot of information to take in. Plans to return are extremely complex and government guidance is very clear about what we can and cannot do.

Thank you in anticipation of your continuing support.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett