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Dear Parents, Children and Staff

Re: the reopening of school to reception, year one and year six children on 10th June

I am writing to you on behalf of the governing body.

As you are aware the Government has lifted some restrictions and has asked schools to reopen to children in the reception year group, year one and year six after the half term break.

As a governing body we are very concerned about the government's proposals and I am writing to advise you that we are looking at this situation on a weekly basis.

We are fully supportive of senior leadership team and the efforts that they are making to adapt to the government's proposals.

Our primary concern as always is the safety of your children, the staff and you and your families.

To this end we are working closely with the senior leadership team in reviewing risk assessments that have been undertaken and reviewing school pupil numbers on a regular basis.

The government has indicated that social distancing has to be ensured as far as possible on return to school and class sizes can be no more than 15 pupils.

It is our intention to try and ensure that the class sizes are no more than 12 pupils per class.

In the early years stage for reception and year one children there will be significant space between each child desk and chair.

It will not be the normal school environment that you expect because we have to try to ensure that the children remain apart from one another.

Similarly in year six, it is intended that we will use a number of classrooms to ensure that the children can be socially distanced appropriately.

We will endeavour to ensure that there is regular cleaning of all surfaces that the children use and the children will be encouraged and required to wash their hands on a very regular basis.

In addition there will be new procedures when entering school and different drop-off and pickup times as well.

Mr O'Brien has written to you all separately about the new arrangements.

We are living in very uncertain times and I am sure that you are all very worried about the proposals to bring children back into school.

We will try to minimise the risk to the children, staff and yourselves as far as possible but we cannot eliminate the risk entirely.

I am sure that your children will be very keen to return to school and see their friends and I hope that you will be able to explain to them that the experience is going to be very different to the school life they experienced before.

The children will still have playtime but they will be restricted in their ability to mix with their friends.

We are aware that some parents are worried about sending their children into school and I have attached the DFE'S advice to this letter. If you decide not to send your child into school, please make the school aware of this and we can then ensure that distance learning is still provided for your child.

I want to reassure you that we are keeping the situation under very close review and if any time we feel that we will not be able to safely comply with the government guidelines we will take alternative steps.

Obviously if the government guidelines change in anyway, we will keep you informed.

Please be assured that the safety of the children and staff and parents is of paramount concern.

I am aware that our staff are very keen to ensure that the children's education is maintained and we all working very hard to ensure that this is the case.

I know that you have also been working very hard at home with the pack that teachers have sent home to you.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the reopening of school I urge you to contact school.

Kind regards



Sheila Casey, Chair on behalf of the Governing body

