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Dear Parents/carers

Since our previous letter on 12th May we have been planning a way forward regarding how we will be proceeding with our partial re-opening of school on Monday 1st June.

I am sure that this is still causing you anxieties, I appreciate that some of you have shared your concerns and thoughts, with the vast majority of those that have been in touch wanting more clarity before being able to weigh up your options.

School will be a very different place from when your children were last here in March. Our priority is for the safety and well-being of the children, staff and the wider community.

We are in the early stages of our planning but these will be the principles around school from June 1st.

- Children will be taught in smaller groups - maximum of 15
- Your child may not have their usual class teacher or teaching assistant.
- There will be no mixing of the teaching groups once your child is placed in one. We will be making these groups alphabetically. Once we have allocated your child into a group it cannot be changed.
- Your child will remain in their group throughout the day - there will be no mixing at break times or lunchtime. These will be staggered.
- Your child will not be with all of their friends, however they could be with up to 14 others from their year group.
- Children will be working in classrooms on individual tables, spaced as far away as possible from each other (which allows us to fit the children in)
- We will be providing the essential stationery; nothing will be allowed to be brought in from home. Each child will have a zip wallet with their own pencils etc..
- We will not be following our usual teaching styles or curriculum. Depending on the weather our aim is to be outside as much as possible.

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- Children will eat their lunch in staggered sittings in the hall with their designated group. This will be at individual tables, their lunch will be brought to them. Packed lunches can still be brought in from home.
- Your child will not have to wear their school uniform. The advice is that clothes need to be washed frequently and be suitable for outdoors. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat each day.
- We will be staggering the start and finish times of the day to help ease the congestion and to adhere to social distancing.
- Parents/carers will not be allowed inside the school buildings and we will have restrictions in place for entry onto the school site.
- There will be different drop off and collection points. We would ask that only one parent/carer accompanies your child.
- You will be provided with drop off and collection times for your child. We will staggering these and they will need to be adhered to support social distancing.
- School will close at 1pm on a Friday - this will be to provide staff with planning opportunities as we will not have extra staff going into their groups and also to complete a deep clean of the classrooms.
- Handwashing will be extremely important this will occur frequently across the day. We will also be using hand sanitisers that have an alcohol content.
- We will still have a critical/key worker group. This will offer child care from 8:30 -4pm. This group will follow the same principles as all other classes - they will not mix with the other teaching groups throughout their time in school.

I am sure that you will have many questions and thoughts. Please share them with school. As we stated earlier the prospect of opening school is causing anxieties for everyone. We will support the decision that you make for your own family.

To help us to plan staffing numbers and to set up the required numbers of rooms, we need you to let us know whether or not you will be sending your child back to school on June 1st ,if we are allowed to open. Please could you let us know on contact@stokesleypa.org.uk whether or not your child will be returning to school on the 1st June. Please could this be done by **Thursday 21st May 2020**

Thank you for your continued support

Mr McFarlane

