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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope this letter finds you all well and safe in this concerning times. I am writing to update you on what is happening at Tettenhall Wood School from 1 June 2020.

As a Special School from the 1 June 2020 we will continue to offer places to priority groups and this should reflect current days in school at this time. As you will have seen from other government advice the groups we are catering for in the school building are:

- Vulnerable children of all year groups where it is appropriate for them to do so
- Children who have a social worker, unless their social worker and school decides that they are at less risk at home or in their placement.
- Children who have an education health and care (EHC) plan, where it is determined, following a risk assessment, that their needs can be as safely or more safely met in the educational environment.
- Children of Key Workers.

Therefore, our decisions are made with you based on your child's risk assessment. Our communication with you informs this risk assessment, therefore if you are facing particular issues or have concerns then we need to know this so we can discuss this with you and update the provision as required. This may mean a school place is required for your child.

As you are probably aware social distancing in school is one of the biggest challenges we face. This important factor also informs decisions made of whether it is safer at this time for your child to remain at home. We are using PPE equipment in school and of course cleaning is a priority. With this in mind we are closing over half term for a deep clean throughout the site and complete some maintenance jobs.

We continue to send home learning packs and next week as the weather is going to be lovely we are also providing Forest School ideas for the half term break.

We continue to provide Free School Meals by food hamper, vouchers or meals in school.



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To summarise a few extra points:

- **We are open on 1 June for those pupils who need a school place as determined by the risk assessment. The risk assessment will inform whether it is safer for your child to be in school or at home at this time.**
- Social distancing is proving a challenge at Tettenhall Wood School therefore we have to a limit the numbers of children and staff in the building on any one day and we are providing PPE equipment. Your child is also being supported with regular handwashing if they are in school.
- **We continue to provide home learning packs and activities**
- We will continue to provide food bags / vouchers for those children who are entitled to free school meals
- **We continue to have our Tettenhall Wood School Community Face Book Page.**
- You can always contact us by school phone school mobiles, emails and texts and we will keep in contact with you as we have been doing.

The priority for all of us at this time continues to be for everyone to stay as safe as possible. We are trying to do as much as we can to support you, but please, if you do need anything please do contact us.

Al the very best families and carers

Sarah Whittington

Head teacher