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Monday, 22 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know on June 1st we opened our doors to R, Y1 and Y6 and it has been a huge success. The children are happy and safe. They prefer being at school. They are having fun and learning.

Recent government guidelines have been published to state that 'Where schools have capacity, they may choose to welcome back additional pupils. It is up to schools to decide which pupils to prioritise, based on their knowledge of their children and communities'.

Based on this we will be inviting back Year 5 from Monday 29/6 for the last three weeks of term. The opening times are 9-3 and the teachers are Mr. Barlow, Mrs. Halder and Mrs Williams.

School will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with Wednesday being closed to all pupils for a deep clean. The following measures will be put in place to protect everybody;

- All children will be taught in bubbles of between 10 and 15
- Every child needs a packed lunch. If your child has FSM a packed lunch will be provided
- The staff attached to those bubbles will only work in those bubbles to avoid contamination
- Classrooms have been organised so that they only contain the number of desks and chairs required
- We will try our best to maintain social distancing at all times
- The classrooms will be cleaned everyday regularly with a deep clean every Wednesday
- Parents are not to enter the building. Please phone the school to speak to staff.
- The pavement outside the school gate has been marked 2m apart. Please arrive promptly on time to meet your class teacher at the main gate.
- At collection the parents may come on site; stand on a yellow dash marking and wait for their child to come to them. They must then leave the playground immediately and quickly. R will be collected from the KS1

- playground. Y1, 5 and Y6 will be collected from the large ball court on the left as you walk through the gate.
- Please walk in, do not touch anything, stand on a cross and wait for your child.
- Please walk to school if you can.
- All parents/carers are required to read, confirm and sign the COVID-19:Returning To School Contract. Children will not be allowed to attend school without this being signed. A copy of the contract is on the school website and you will have the opportunity to sign it formally on the morning of Monday 29/6.

All staff want school and life to return to normal. We all miss the children and the vibrancy of normal school life. We are committed to this happening but need a measured and well-planned approach for this to be workable. We understand the pressure you are all under and empathise with you completely. Many of us are parents/carers and are in the same position - trying to juggle home schooling with our jobs, managing furloughing/the loss of jobs amongst other things. At the moment, for us in school, there is no change to the guidance: we will provide care for those parents/carers whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and only those that cannot be safely cared for at home.

I will be in the playground every day and I look forward to seeing you all. Take care, and I'll see you on the 29/6.

Yours sincerely,

Miss R Mollett

Head Teacher