

**Dear Parents,**

I trust that you and your children are safe and well.

Following the governments announcements yesterday, I write to you regarding our plans for the wider reopening of the school from 1<sup>st</sup> June. At present the school has remained open every week day, that provision was required, since lockdown on 23rd March and around 10% of pupils have been regularly attending, with online learning provided for those at home.

Last week I contacted parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to find out how many places would or would not be wanted. Having received those numbers, I have then considered the staff available and the requirements of the DfE guidance. To reiterate, the controls or protective measures we are being asked to put in place are not the same as the social distancing we have been asked to do in the community for the last eight weeks. Primary age children cannot be expected to remain two metres apart from each other and staff. The scientists in SAGE have taken this into account.

Based on SAGE modelling, the hierarchy of controls we are asked to factor into our planning are to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 are set out below.

- Controlling the transmission of the disease: minimising contact with children and adults who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
- Management and control through personal hygiene: cleaning hands more often than usual – wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered. • Ensuring good respiratory hygiene: promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Enhanced cleaning regimes: cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach.
- Minimising contact and mixing: altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times).

When we reopen we will focus on re-establishing a strong sense of belonging and community, supporting pupils' mental wellbeing.

In light of this new phase for the school, online learning will look a little different too. Teaching staff will be required to teach the children attending school and so for those continuing to learn at home; Reception children will receive a weekly plan, Year 1 children will receive a home learning pack, Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will still use Seesaw, but it may not be the children's regular class teacher responding to work submitted and Year 6 will be allocated the Year 5 tasks.

I will, of course, continue to keep you up to date as I receive information or guidance.

Thank you for your patience and the many words of support in acknowledgement of this mammoth task.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Richards