



22nd May 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6) who responded to the recent survey to inform us whether your child would be returning on the 1st June, pending the Governments' decision to partially reopen schools. We have now contacted all parents who expressed an interest to return to confirm arrangements.

We completely understand that some parents may not have made a decision or do not wish to send their children back yet. The Government have stated that they will not issue fines if parents choose to keep their children at home. We will of course continue to support all children by providing home learning resources weekly.

For those of you who did not respond to the survey or are yet to decide, I must urge you not to arrive at school on the 1st June. It is essential that we carry out a risk assessment for every child coming back to school and we have based our overall school risk assessments on the numbers we have confirmed. This is essential to ensure that we can meet the social distancing requirements in all classrooms to protect children and staff.

If after the 1st of June you decide that you would like to send your child to school, then please contact the office where the necessary arrangements can be made. Please note that any request may not be able to be met immediately and there will be some time needed to put measures in place depending on the volume we receive.

As you would expect, we are taking the safety of adults and children very seriously and as such we will be very strict in adhering to guidelines. It is going to be a new way of working for us all and that will most likely cause some challenges in the coming months. For me personally, this has been the most demanding time I have known as a Headteacher particularly in the coordination of all factors around a partial return to school. Please be assured that any decision we make will always be done with the best intentions and based upon the information that we have at the time. I think that it is more important than ever that we remain patient with each other as we move in to this new phase of school life.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support during this period. We all miss the children terribly and I, along with the staff, look forward to being able to welcome everyone back into school one day and being able to get back to normal school life. For now though, school will be a very different place to when your children left us and so I urge you to talk to your children about what to expect before their return.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T Hinkley'.

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