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**Dear Parents/Carers**

Hope all of our children and families are keeping safe and well in these strange times. We have been missing you all tremendously and look forward to welcoming some of you back very soon. This letter will provide you with an update regarding the opening of our school to the wider year groups.

Prior to the half term break, I met with a group of governors, including the Chair and Vice Chair of the Governing Body, to discuss the safe opening of our school to the government's priority year groups and since then we have been busy preparing. Last week in the news, you will have seen the government announcement that their 5 tests had been met and they were giving the go ahead for the phased opening of schools in June.

In the meantime, we have been ensuring all the necessary protective measures are in place in school. This includes all the distancing in classrooms, creating individual resources packs for children, purchasing of sanitisers/wipes/thermometers, distance markings inside and outside, creating one-way systems, etc...

We have also undertaken a comprehensive risk assessment which has been submitted to the Local Authority. I will be sharing this risk assessment with our parent community next week so you are able to see and understand all the different measures that have been undertaken.

As I communicated prior to half term, the governors will only open wider to an increased number of children once all the safety measures are in place as the safety of our pupils and staff is our first and foremost priority. From all the conversations we have had with our parents, I know that they will only be reassured by this. With this in mind, we are expecting to open for the wider year groups (Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6) from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**.

The school will continue to remain open next week **for the key worker children and some of our vulnerable children** but will extend to the FULL DAY instead of finishing at lunch time. The school day will **begin at 8:50am and end at 3:15pm**. Children entitled to a free school meal and children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be provided with a free school lunch. However, there will be no toasts provided at break time so children are asked to bring a small healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Please note that no crisps or chocolate will be allowed at break times.



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We will also be introducing some of the new safety measures next week so children, staff and parents/carers become familiar with them. For instance, the children will be dropped off/collected at the school gate and children/staff will begin to adhere to the one-way system in school.

Next week, we will provide further specific details to parents with regard to the day-to-day arrangements and timings for the week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. This will make the expectations for a new way of working with a larger number of children clearer to the whole school community.

Once again, a **heartfelt thank you** to ALL our parents who are working incredibly hard as 'teachers', supporting the school's work and maintaining the high standards of our children's learning.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email - my staff and I would be more than willing to help in any way we can.

It would be lovely to hear from you.

Please stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Patel  
Headteacher



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